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CLEAR-UP DEADLINE SET FOR OWNERS OF DILAPIDATED PUB



The dilapidated Eagle pub in Bloxwich

OWNERS of a 'dilapidated' Bloxwich pub have got until next month to clear up a pub which has blighted residents' lives, a Walsall MP has said.

David Winnick has been told no appeal has been received by the town's council over an order to clear up The Eagle pub site on Cresswell Crescent on the Mossley Estate – and that all work must be done and waste materials cleared by August 15 at the latest.

And the owners of the now demolished Leathern Bottle pub, also on Cresswell Crescent, can also expect an order from Walsall Council over the need to tidy up the rubble at that site.

The Walsall North MP said: "Residents certainly hope that some progress at long

last will be made over these two sites, which have become such eyesores on the estate."

Vandals have targeted the pub sites and council officers have previously said that both could be rat infested. The Eagle, which stands at the junction with Tintern Crescent, was closed in 2007 after a man was shot in a fight on St Patrick Day's that year.

Councillor Bradley Allen, who represents Bloxwich West, said of The Eagle site: "Myself and the other ward councillors Louise Harrison and Matthew Follows have been working hard to get this sorted. We have managed to get a section 215 notice implemented in relation to both sites which means the owners have got two months to sort it out. The mess there really is a blight

on people's lives. It is mainly the visual impact it is having on residents. There have been cases where there have been evidence of drugs although that has not happened very often.

"The Bottle is causing the main problem because it has been demolished and it is just rubble. There isn't much problem with The Eagle."

He added: "I would just like to tell residents we are doing our absolute best to get this sorted out. At the moment it is just a waiting game."

Councils are able to enforce owners to clear up their land if residents are 'adversely affected by the condition of land in their area'.

COUNCIL

Leader in call for unity after attack

WALSALL Council's leader has urged all races to pull together after a 'petrol bomb' attack destroyed a halal butchers.

Councillor Sean Coughlan said he had felt 'a notable increase in tension', in the wake of Kashmir Meat & Poultry being destroyed in a blaze after a man threw a lit bottle of accelerant into the shop.

He said: "Walsall has a long and proud history of harmony between communities and this has served us well and will continue to do so. I call upon all political and religious community leaders and the residents of Walsall to use their influence to maintain our high values of understanding, unity and harmony that we all hold dear."

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PROPERTY

Housing prices fall warning dismissed

A WALSALL property expert has dismissed claims made by the Treasury that house prices in the borough could fall by up to 18 per cent as a result of the vote for Britain to leave the European Union.

Salek Miah, from Ashmore Lettings, said: "Walsall property values will probably drop in the coming 12 to 18 months, but by 18 per cent? I am sorry but I do find that a little pessimistic and believe that figure was rhetoric to get homeowners and landlords to vote in a particular way."

LEISURE

Brazilian party to salsa into arcade

A TASTE of Brazil is to come to Walsall next month bringing the vibrant party atmosphere to the town.

The 'Free Brazil to Walsall Carnival' is to take place on August 6 from 11am to 4pm at the Victorian Arcade, Walsall.

The free event will celebrate the official opening of the Olympic Games in Rio and will feature a whole host of entertainment and activities for families to enjoy, including salsa stilt walkers showing off their circus skills. For details visit: <http://www.netnoms.com/wolverhampton-walsall/whats-on/view/from-brazil-to-walsall-carnival-comes-to-town>

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Real-life fairy godmother comes to aid of bride-to-be BIG DAY SAVED BY WEDDING PLANNER

A BRIDE-TO-BE was left devastated when the wedding firm she'd booked went bust four days before her big day – but thankfully a real-life fairy godmother came to the rescue.

Childhood sweethearts Stephanie and Sean O'Connor, both 37, from Walsall, were heartbroken when LA Weddings and Events, based in Whittlesey, Cambridgeshire, announced on Facebook they'd gone into liquidation days before their wedding on June 18.

The couple claim they had paid £700 for their services which were now no longer available. But when kind-hearted wedding planner Olivia Briscoe, owner of Small Touches Wedding Hire, heard about the loved-up duo's plight, she pledged to transform their venue at Aston Villa Football Club into one fit for royalty for free.

Mother-of-two Stephanie said: "When I read the news on Facebook that the company had gone into liquidation I was devastated. I actually screamed and collapsed on the floor and couldn't stop crying."

Planner

"The wedding was less than a week away and we didn't have the time or the funds to be able to get the venue ready. All my bridesmaids came round on the Tuesday and we spent the day ringing people who might be able to help out with the coral colour theme."

As Stephanie drove past her florist's shop she decided to drop by in a last-ditch attempt to see if she knew anyone who could help. She said: "I spoke to Jo McDonnell, owner of Joanne's Florist, who said she knew a wedding planner called Olivia who might be able to help. Within 10 minutes Olivia rang me up and then later I met her at her house to discuss what I wanted."

Report by Nathan Briant

"We ended up with something bigger and better than what I was having in the first place – the decorations were unbelievable."

Olivia said: "When Stephanie went into the shop and spoke to Jo she was physically shaking, and when she came to see me she was really depressed about the whole thing."

"I'd only been married three years so I know how it important it is for everything to be just right. When I heard about the business being liquidated just before their big day I was completely taken aback and knew I had to help."

Olivia sprang into action organising the seating plans and venue decoration including starlight backdrop curtains, centre pieces, centre piece mirrors and chair covers – even staying until midnight the night before to complete it. She said: "We managed to kit it out in just three days."

Stephanie, who honeymooned in Las Vegas, said: "I just kept crying – Olivia has been my wedding fairy godmother. I had the best day of my life." LA Weddings has been approached for comment. The only reply was an automatic response saying the firm had gone into administration.



From left, Olivia Briscoe, Sean O'Connor, Stephanie O'Connor and Jo McDonnell



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Tinie turnout for star's special Mcgig



Tinie Tempah at McDonald's

"I'VE been to Walsall but I've never been to Scunthorpe." And with that lyric, the stage was set for what must surely be one of the most surreal experiences anyone has ever come across.

A-list music star and regular chart topper Tinie Tempah played a secret gig at McDonald's in Walsall town centre.

It was an explosive set from the rapper and singer-songwriter who blasted out his classics whilst also giving fans a sneak peak of what is to come with the new album. As the special McDonald's curtain dropped after staff handed out free food, Tinie opened up with Written

in the Stars to a huge cheer from the intimate crowd.

Other songs to follow in the set included classic Pass Out, Not Letting Go featuring Jess Glynne, Girls Like featuring Zara Larsson and new tracks Mamacita and Bounce.

With Tinie prowling the stage for his two 30-minute sets with a constant smile on his face, the packed crowd reacted and the atmosphere was like nothing McDonald's has seen or will ever see again. Speaking after the gig, Tinie's self proclaimed number one fan, Charley Winter, 21, said: "It was incredible, so

good. I am actually his number one fan - I promise. I am seeing him five times this year and he has written to me.

"I got an email saying he was doing a gig. The initial email said he was doing a gig in Walsall then the second email where it said you had tickets said it was going to be in McDonald's.

"Very very random, I've never been to a party where they hand out free McDonald's. It was better there than on a huge stage though, more personal."

The whole set was streamed on his Facebook page and is available to view on expressandstar.com

Woman avoids jail term despite hoax bomb calls

A WALSALL woman who plagued emergency services with hoax bomb calls over two days in June and harassed a care home for three and a half months has narrowly avoided jail.

Katie Jellings, 27, of Riddings Crescent in Pelsall, made the threats against staff at the Woodcross Nursing Home, where her fiancé of three years is a resident, because she said they were preventing her from seeing him.

Her campaign of intimidation lasted between January and April but ramped up significantly last month, when she told police five times over June 14 and June 15 that bombs had been planted at the home.

Prosecutor Mark Cooper said: "She was upset at the staff because [she said] they wouldn't let her speak to her boyfriend. It just seems like petty revenge...but with serious consequences." According to Mr Cooper, she had even called takeaways and asked for them to bring food to the home in the early hours of the morning, causing delivery drivers distress.

Services

"Some got aggressive. They had attended in good faith and they expected to be paid for their services," Mr Cooper said.

A probation officer who met Jellings before her sentencing said: "It was coming up to her nan's death anniversary and she said she was feeling depressed and down and couldn't get through to her partner.

"She didn't have her family to go to speak to...She didn't think of her actions.

"The relationship with her parents is temperamental and she has had a three year relationship with her partner. She left school at 16 with no qualifications. She did go to college but was not able to cope with it."

She added Jellings had been in care between 2008 and 2010 and had been designated a social worker to help her.

She continued: "[Jellings] is very fearful and has been tearful and has been worried about the implication of a prison sentence."

Magistrates ordered Jellings to serve a 12 month community including a 25 days activity requirement. She must also pay £185 in costs and an £85 surcharge.

Children in neigh-d with pony visit



Pupil Amirah Ali, aged 10, meets Gypsy the pony at Salisbury Primary School, as part of the Free Spirit Horse project

PUPILS had neigh bother falling in love with a Shetland pony when she visited a Darlaston school.

Hot-to-trot Gypsy the horse, from the Gartmore Riding School in Staffordshire, was at Salisbury Primary School in Salisbury Street as part of the Free Spirit Horse Memorial Appeal, to remember the fallen stallions of World War One.

A total of £1,000 was raised at the event, and will go towards a horse memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum in Stafford-

shire. Tracy Francis, director of the riding school, was grateful to the children for getting involved and helping raise the cash.

She said: "The children were very excited. A lot of the children don't have access to horses so it was really good for them. It's very in keeping with the Battle of the Somme and remembering the eight million horses that were killed in World War Two. It's amazing that the school has contacted us to be part of this, and they'll be able to

go to the Walsall Arboretum and see the legacy that is being left.

"They are looking to raise some more money for us as well. It's been amazing so far, if all the schools could help us it would be fantastic."

The project kicked off in 2014 and a memorial statue worth £90,000 will be built once the funds have been raised.

An art competition in Liverpool kicked off the fundraising, and schools from Edinburgh to Devon have also been getting involved.

Mosque set to be built despite fear of tensions

A MOSQUE is set to be built in Walsall's highest crime area despite police fears it will cause 'tension' in the community.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Association (AMA) UK want to convert a warehouse and offices in Vicarage Place, Caldmore, into a place of worship.

Planning officers at Walsall Council have now recommended the proposal be given the green light. While West Midlands Police has not officially opposed the scheme the force raised concerns.

A planning report which summarises their response states: "There is an awareness that there may be increased community tension from the local community and other organisations opposed to this type of development. This is the highest crime area in Walsall so security measures are recommended."

Dozens of people have lodged objections with the council including two petitions which between them have been signed by more than 50 people.

Their main concern have been stated as: "The mosque will only be used by one part of the community which will create further community tensions."

But a council officer who has reviewed the development has dismissed the issues concluding there are no planning grounds to refuse a mosque in principle.

They have also declared a Government planning inspector ruled the site suitable for a place of worship when a separate bid was put forward previously.

Their report said: "The proposals are being considered as a place of worship and community facility so reference to the different religious sectors is not a material planning consideration.

"There are concerns about community cohesion but this is also not a material planning consideration.

"Objections to the fact that there are already sufficient mosques in the Caldmore area is not a material consideration as there is no policy restricting the number of mosques or community facilities in an area."

The AMA declared one of the main reasons for opening a mosque would be to improve relationships in the area between different religious followers.

Locks giant part of £11.5m deal

The Wolverhampton site of locks giant Assa Abloy is at the heart of an £11.5 million land deal by an East Midlands-based property company.

Custodian REIT, a property investment group based in Leicester, has bought three properties in the deal, including one site belonging to Swedish group Assa Abloy, The Meadows building on Cannock Road in Wolverhampton.

Assa Abloy retains sole ownership of its headquarters in Willenhall and considers that an important demonstration of its commitment to a long term presence in the area.

The sale of the freehold of the Meadows site will have no impact on Assa Abloy's activities.

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Maternity pressures hope with NHS review

PRESSURE on maternity units at Wolverhampton and Walsall could be eased pending the outcome of a review into services at Stafford.

Both New Cross and Walsall Manor Hospitals have been under growing demand since January 2015 when consultant-led maternity services, for medium to high-risk births, were taken away from County Hospital in Stafford. But now NHS bosses have launched a review which will consider reversing that decision.

Increasing numbers of women have been choosing to give birth at Wolverhampton and Walsall with Stafford converted to a midwife-led unit. The announcement of a review comes two years after a request to do so by the Secretary of State for Health.

The original decision to remove the consultant-led service followed the dissolution of Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust and was met with huge opposition from campaigners who warned it was a "disaster waiting to happen."

Support Stafford Hospital campaigner, Karen Howell, said: "This review is something we welcome, but is long overdue. As we were pointing out two years ago, there is going to be a huge increase in the population around Stafford."

"Since the transfer of services there have been stories of babies born on the roadside. What we have got currently is not a safe maternity service."

The Independent Review Panel is sponsored by NHS England and consists of a lay member and independent experts from across the region.

Dr David Levy, medical director for NHS England in the Midlands, said: "I'm pleased to be able to announce the launch of this important review in Stafford and to have appointed panel members who bring senior level expertise, independence and impartiality to this work."

A 'listening' event will take place in September, before which the panel is inviting comments via email.

Members of the public are being encouraged to email england.north-midlands-matreview@nhs.net if they wish to contribute.

Students' success marked at dinner

WALSALL College has held its prestigious awards dinner to celebrate the success and achievements of sixth form students.

During the evening, 22 students were presented with Student of the Year Awards for achieving excellence in their area of study, along with an additional award for overall Student of the Year, which went to Level 1 Bricklaying student, Chandler Fellows.

Jatinder Sharma, principal, said: "The V6 Awards Dinner was an ideal opportunity for Walsall College to celebrate the fantastic achievements our students have achieved on vocational courses."

Andy hopes to be knockout fundraiser



Andy Gilkes, gloved up to help charity

A BOXER is ready to step into the ring for a fundraising fight that is close to his heart.

The boxing match to boost funds for Walsall Healthcare's Well Wishers charity is being staged at Walsall Cricket Club, tomorrow, Friday.

Proceeds from the event will go towards helping vulnerable elderly patients at the Manor Hospital, many of whom do not have family members to support them. Boxer Andy Gilkes' nan passed away 10 years ago at the age of 84, a loss the 36-year-old is still trying to come to terms with. He

said: "She was such an independent woman until she became ill."

"Sadly she started becoming very forgetful and confused and this got worse over time. She had Alzheimer's and having watched her health deteriorate over the last few years has really brought home to me how vulnerable elderly people are."

Andy, from Pelsall and who works as a self-employed courier, has been boxing for two and a half years and is facing Stefan Dornin in the Well Wishers event, organised by Mark Ingram, of Walsall Healthcare NHS

Trust. The event has already received the support of local boxing stars Martin Gethin and Dan Breeze who visited the Manor Hospital to talk to elderly patients who will benefit from the money raised through the event.

Team GB's Ben Whittaker, the 19-year-old Darlaston middleweight boxer, is also supporting the fundraiser, visiting patients last week.

Tickets are on sale and cost £15 to include a buffet meal. For tickets visit the Purple Hub, opposite Route 003 outpatients at Walsall Manor or call Georgie Westley on 01922 656643.

Schools' healthy eating move to target obesity

A NEW healthy eating programme will be introduced across schools in Walsall to tackle an obesity crisis amongst young people.

The scheme, which will cost Walsall Council more than £250,000 a year, will be brought in from January 2017.

The most recent figures released by the National Child Measurement Programme show that in 2014, 25 per cent of children in the borough were overweight when they entered reception, increasing to 37 per cent by year six.

The council will look to hand over responsibility for the scheme to an outside party, after the previous company designated to promote healthy eating in school, Food Dudes, wound-up in October 2015.

Plans involve ensuring that schools provide healthy meals to pupils, as well as educating them on the benefits of healthy eating and exercise and encouraging them to do both when outside school. Bosses discussed the plans at a health and social care scrutiny committee meeting.

Overweight

Councillor Marco Longhi, head of the scrutiny panel, said: "It is a well known fact that over the years there has been an increase in young children who are overweight."

"What this means is that they become used to living this lifestyle and accept it as they grow up into adults. This then puts a strain on NHS services and the local council."

"What we want to do, aside from ensuring schools are offering healthy meals when they are looking after the children, is make sure the children themselves are educated about the positive effects of a healthy diet and the negative effects of an unhealthy one."

"This isn't just about schools, it is about families and children, but when the children are in school we want to help them any way we can."

It is hoped that the push towards healthier eating in schools will have a knock-on effect for the wider community after it was revealed earlier this year that more than two in three people across the borough were overweight.

Councillor Ian Shires, who sits on the council's health and wellbeing board, said: "This isn't something we can force on people but we can educate and help so they make wiser decisions about their lifestyle. This is an intervention that we think is right for us to make and I believe it will be a success."

Bottled up for a corking exhibition



Assistant Kiran Muctor views All the Sea, by Tania Kovats in the Land, Sea and Air exhibition

A NEW exhibition at Walsall's New Art Gallery maps out work from artists across the world.

The Land, Sea and Air exhibition features artworks using maps as a base for their pieces, and runs until September 4.

Marketing manager Chris Wilkinson said: "Maps have continued to provide a potent source material for artists for many years. They provide attempts to create order from a world that is

ever in transformation; whether in terms of physical manifestations such as the erosion of land masses or the rapid expansion of cities; or through shifting or contested borders, betraying evidence of conflict, resistance, negotiation and power."

"Maps also serve to support a sense of identity or an engagement with a specific time and place. This exhibition brings together a diverse selection of in-

ternational artists, engaging in different ways with maps, and by extension, borders and territory."

"Paintings, drawings, prints, video, sculpture and installation combine to create a visually powerful and thought-provoking exhibition. The selected artists vary in approach and their works span a period of over 40 years. Consistent within all of these works is a combination of the personal, the poetic and the political."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Council looking for care recruits

MORE than 150 carer jobs are set to be created in Walsall over the next six months as part of a recruitment drive by Walsall Council.

Working with disability charity 'Ideal for All', the local authority is looking to meet the increasing demand for one-to-one independent living support by encouraging more than 150 people to enrol as registered personal assistant carers.

Currently, the council has 35 people working as personal assistants to the elderly, however they aim to increase that figure five-fold over the next six months. Claire Hammonds, senior commissioning officer for older people and vulnerable adults, said: "PAs typically provide a range of personal and practical support to help people live their lives with greater independence."

This type of work suits people who enjoy the company of others, like variety, perhaps already work in the care sector, want part time hours or are looking for a second income."

MP Vaz hits out at student loan costs

VALERIE Vaz has hit out on the Government's 'far from progressive' system of student loan repayments.

The cost of paying off student loans is set to rise dramatically after the Government froze the earnings threshold at £21,000, going back on a pledge that it would change depending on average earnings.

Walsall South MP Mrs Vaz said the change means that graduates will now pay more on their loans.

At a debate over the issue with Minister for Universities and Science Jo Johnson, she said: "I am concerned that the system of repayments for 2012 borrowers is unfairly complex for 17-year-olds, they are not financial advisers or lawyers."

"Unlike other loans, the student loans agreements are exempt from consumer protection."

It is unreasonable to expect 17-year-olds to understand and agree to them."

Stage is set for the youngsters

TWO plays for a summer evening are being presented presented by Aldridge Youth Theatre next week.

The junior and intermediate groups have productions at the ready to make you laugh and make you think.

The juniors present The Emperor's New Clothes by Kaye Umansky, while the intermediates take on The Willow Pattern, by Judith Johnson – both classic tales, but freshly told.

The first is the moralistic story from Hans Christian Anderson, the other is based on the decorations of the famous willow pattern china.

Performances take place on Thursday 14, Friday 15 and Saturday 16 July at 7.30pm. Tickets are, adults £7; school students and concessions £6.

The theatre is based in Noddy Park Road, WS9 8NQ. The box office number is 01922 458615.

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A FORMER colleague who lives in France declares in a column that Britain is now "more isolated than ever." I can only refer her to that classic (and probably apocryphal) newspaper billboard: "Fog in the Channel – Continent Isolated."

I WOULD understand it if my wife sent me an email expressing reservations about Boris Johnson, like the one columnist Sarah Vine sent to her husband, the Tory MP and Brexit campaigner Michael Gove. I would sympathise if my wife pressed the wrong button and the email ended up in the public domain; these things happen. What any spouse would find hard to forgive is Vine's shrill use of capital letters in her email which reads: "One simple message: you MUST have SPECIFIC ASSURANCES from Boris OTHERWISE you cannot guarantee your support." Does Mr Gove enjoy being addressed like a particularly dim five-year-old?

THE mystery of why young people are so fond of the EU continues. In a matter of minutes on Tuesday evening, thousands of young people congregated in Westminster to demonstrate against Brexit. They claim to love the EU, but have they spoken to any young people from the south of the continent? Here in Britain, unemployment among the under-25s is only about 13 per cent. In Italy it is 39 per cent, in Spain 45.3 per cent and in Greece a shattering 48.9 per cent. The EU these British kids cherish has inflicted utter hopelessness on the youth of half a continent. You can use many adjectives to describe the EU, but not benevolent.



YOU know how it is when you don't think you've heard the whole story? Bank of England Governor Mark Carney says the bank is ready

to provide £250, 000 million of additional funds to support financial markets. So where did he suddenly find that? Down the back of the sofa?

IN these uncertain post-referendum days, do you not feel the sand shifting beneath your feet? Like many Leavers, I watched the results coming in with mounting delight, followed by that "what have we done?" moment, followed in turn by growing pride and optimism. We are an amazing nation. We can do great things. But now there's a growing suspicion that Brexit is simply not going to happen. As I wrote on June 13, not entirely tongue-in-cheek: "Let me say it once again. If we vote In, we stay in the EU. If we vote Out, we stay in the EU. Simple as that." Time will tell.

A READER describes seeing a bloke using the urinal while eating a bacon sandwich. Too much information, thanks. Mind you, it does disprove that old belief about men being unable to multi-task.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Jail term cut for Asbi stalker of ex

A BIRMINGHAM thug who left his ex 'scared of her own shadow' after leaving a magic set and other bizarre objects at her home has had his jail sentence cut by senior judges.

Thomas Gill has been hounding his ex-partner relentlessly since they split in 2008. London's Civil Appeal Court heard. The fixated 28-year-old was hit with an anti-social behaviour injunction after Birmingham City Council took him to court in 2012.

That barred him from assaulting, harassing or pestering his ex, and from straying near her council home in Sutton Coldfield.

The order was extended in August 2014 after Gill breached it by bombarding his ex with 184 'abusive and threatening text messages'.

In February this year he was hauled before a judge at Birmingham County Court for a further series of breaches. Lady Justice Gloster ex-

plained how Gill defied the Asbi by turning up at his ex's home in December 2015 and leaving a magic set and Xbox. Inside the same bag was a dictaphone containing an explosive-laced rant from Gill.

Gill was sentenced to 14 months 23 days for seven breaches of the Asbi in February at Birmingham County Court. At the Court of Appeal, Gill insisted the evidence of his latest breaches was 'flimsy'.

But Lady Justice Gloster, sitting with Lord Justice Lewison, said there was 'no basis' for overturning the county court's damning findings against him.

The judge pointed out, however, that Gill had admitted the most serious breaches before magistrates and had made recent efforts to 'turn his life around'. The court cut Gill's sentence for his most recent breaches of the Asbi to 12 months.

Thugs who stormed salon are spared jail

Report by Rob Cox

TWO thugs who stormed a Black Country hair salon wielding a hammer on New Year's Eve have been spared jail.

Mikkel Randell-Parchment, aged 21, felt he had been wronged by a woman who worked at Salon 529 in Walsall Road, Willenhall, and went there with 20-year-old James Higgins.

Randell-Parchment, of Coltham Road, Willenhall, urinated on the salon's window while Higgins, of Lime Avenue, Bentley, swung wildly at the owner with the hammer. The weapon was then used by Randell-Parchment to damage the salon's windows.

The pair were given 18-month jail sentences suspended for two years when they appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court last Tuesday. Both men pleaded guilty to one count of affray.

The court heard the terrifying attack came following a dispute between Randell-Parchment and the staff member and the pair had been banned from entering the salon.

Arrest

Oliver Woolhouse, defending Randell-Parchment, said: "The difficulty with the young lady at the salon was that there was a quite serious allegation she had made against my client, which resulted in his arrest. He was interviewed, but no further action was taken and the allegation was found to be wholly unsubstantiated."

"That caused emotions to run high and caused a dispute between the salon owner who employed that lady and my defendant."

"I don't seek to excuse his conduct but it is against that context and his relative immaturity and that he was struggling to deal with serious allegations."

The court heard the attack at around 4pm on New Year's Eve 2014 has had a lasting effect on the salon's owner. Phillip Brunt, prosecuting, said the owner was now 'looking over his shoulder'.

Recorder Michael Stephens, sentencing, said: "This took place at dusk to getting dark and I expect the salon owner was probably looking forward to a night celebrating the end of the year, as you should have been."

Andrew Tucker, defending Higgins, said his client's involvement was short lived, that he had limited previous convictions.

Both men were also ordered to do 200 hours' unpaid work, pay £250 compensation to the salon owner and £600 towards costs.

Bulldozers roll at £12m project



Councillor Lee Jeavons and Greg Titley, development manager for St Modwen, view the demolition

THE development of Walsall's new £12 million shopping and leisure complex is pressing ahead with the latest round of demolition work underway.

Shop units at Market Square in the St Matthew's Quarter faced the bulldozer on Wednesday, ready for the site to be transformed with the development of 11 new units for retail and leisure use. Big name retailers Poundland and B&M have already signed up, with the former taking a 8,900 square feet unit on a 10-year lease. Demolition of the buildings at the rear of the complex in Lower Hall Lane began in February this year.

Councillor Lee Jeavons, Walsall Council's deputy leader, said: "We are delighted that work has

advanced to this stage on the redevelopment of this key scheme. This is fantastic news for everyone who lives, works and shops in Walsall town centre. Revitalising this area of the town is a major boost, not just for retailers but also market stall holders and anyone who has an interest in the St Matthew's area."

The scheme is being led by Norton and Proffitt Developments – a joint venture between St Modwen and Goid Estates. The retail and leisure development is part of Norton & Proffitt's wider £90m regeneration of St Matthew's Quarter and will create 90,000 sq ft of new retail and leisure amenities in the town.

Disaster changed my life forever: Ex-dancer

"IT has moved my life in a completely different direction than where it was meant to be."

Those are the words of James Thomas, from Streetly, a survivor of the Costa Concordia disaster.



James Thomas

The 24-year-old was a dancer working on the cruise ship when it wrecked on the Tuscan coast in January 2012, but he has now abandoned that career path and is now applying for jobs in merchandising. James has since moved back from London, admitting he could no longer afford to live there.

He said: "I moved to day I don't think about it... I moved to London to move forward with my career. I was meant to do cruise ships for five years but this cut my experiences short. Sadly I ended up getting in debt and I had to get a normal job just to live day to day. I couldn't do what I was there for."

James is now back at Whitethorn Crescent, Streetly, and while he is applying for jobs he is also working with The Prince's Trust to kickstart an alternative career in fashion.

While some people flew out to Italy last week in relation to the ongoing legal action against Costa Crociere Spa, James said he was not going.

The ship was carrying more than 4,200 people when it capsized killing 32 of them.

Call for calm on hate crime

HATE crime in Walsall has been condemned again as another call for calm in the borough has been made.

Statements have been released from council leaders and MPs asking for people in Walsall to stick together following the EU Referendum result, with an increase in tension noted.

Pelsall councillor Marco Longhi has also pleaded with people in his community to work together. He said: "We utterly condemn it. We believe that Walsall has a proud history showing the hand of friendship to people of all backgrounds, colour, sexual orientation or religion and that we have benefited by the diverse communities that make up Walsall."

"Having a debate about immigration is an incredibly sensitive matter. It is absolutely right that people should be able to do so without being described as closet racists. However, it is also a fact that these debates can provide a platform for hate to show its ugly face."



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Boules bonus as grant given

A WALSALL boules club is set to get a new lease of life after being given a £1,500 grant.

The Anchorage 55 Plus Club, based at Leighswood Road, Aldridge, will use the money to improve its green, as well as access to the site for people with mobility issues.

Founded in 1948, the club is a registered charity, and also hosts activities including dominoes and card games for older people in and around Aldridge.

Maurice Underhill, trustee of the Anchorage 55 Plus Club, said: "Our boules green is one of the most popular facilities at our club, and these improvements are important."

"Having lost council funding, the club has had to work hard to become self-sufficient in recent years."

Arboretum car park work agreed

PLANS have been approved to carry out improvements to the 'inadequate' car park at Walsall Arboretum.

The 140-space car park to one of the borough's main family attractions is suffering from potholes and drainage issues, forcing Walsall Council to submit an application to carry out improvements. The application has been approved by planning bosses.

A statement says: "The existing car park is inadequate to meet the needs of park visitors as it is in an extremely poor condition and contains large potholes. The Arboretum Extension is also used to host large scale events and improvements to this car park would benefit event providers."

Alert after man is seen with toy gun

POLICE were called to reports that a man was brandishing a gun in the street in Walsall. Officers arrived to see the man enter a house in Mead-sweet Way, where a toy gun was recovered following a search.

The 34-year-old had earlier been spotted at the junction of Bloxwich Road and Broadstone Avenue, in Bloxwich.

The alarm was raised at around 10.20pm on last Tuesday. The man was arrested on suspicion of possession of an imitation firearm but later released without charge.

University professor is new athletics chief

A FORMER Olympian and senior professor at the University of Birmingham has been named chairman of England Athletics.

Professor Myra Nimmo was unanimously approved by the England Athletics' Board to replace Peter King from October.

She is a former international athlete in both 100m hurdles and long jump having competed in the 1976 Olympics in Montreal and 1974 Commonwealth Games.

Warning by expert on rising crisis for housing

A PROPERTY expert in Walsall has warned that the empty homes in the borough will not help solve the council's housing crisis.

Latest figures show that some 2,835 homes are lying empty in the borough, while 8,644 people are stuck on the waiting list for a home.

But Salek Miah, of Ashmore Lettings, has warned it is not as simple as immediately filling the homes and slashing the waiting list.

Mr Miah said that a number of the homes would be uninhabitable and require substantial work, while some are only vacant for an incredibly short space of time as they wait for a new tenant to move in. He said: "Problems like Walsall's housing crisis, where we have a rudimentary numerical problem of too few homes for too many people, the answer is clearly to build more property in Walsall."

"But that, unfortunately for those desperately seeking to purchase or let a property, takes a lot of time and huge amounts of money. So what of other solutions? Why not put them back onto the system and help ease the Walsall housing crisis?"

"Surely, we can undoubtedly all agree that property left empty for years and years isn't morally right with the burgeoning waiting list, not to also mention the issue of homelessness. Of those 2,835 homes lying empty, only 1,148 properties were empty for more than six months."

"The local authority has to report a property being empty, even if it's only for a week. So, many of the Walsall properties are either awaiting new homeowners or, in the case of rental properties, new tenants. Also most certainly, some properties are being refurbished and renovated."

"Anecdotal evidence suggests these empty houses are habitually in need of so much restoration that it's not worth the while to do."

Hospital plea for donations

WALSALL Healthcare NHS Trust wants people to search for materials that could make a soothing aid for people with dementia.

Fabric, wool, buttons, ribbon and other materials could be used to calm people suffering from dementia.

The team's Debbie Shaw wants people to donate material to make twin-die muffs, which will then be used by Manor Hospital patients. They are woollen muffs with different textures, such as ribbons, beads and pom poms.

She said: "Many people would like to help others but can't commit the time to come on to the wards and this is a great opportunity for them to contribute in a different way."

She would also like china crockery to be donated to be used at the hospital. Anyone would could help is asked to call Debbie Shaw on 01922 656355 or email debbie.shaw@walsallhealthcare.nhs.uk.

GP Surgery put in special measures

A DOCTORS' surgery providing care for 2,700 people in Bloxwich has been put in special measures by health service regulators.

St Mary's Surgery on Field Road, was rated inadequate in three out of five areas by Care Quality Commission inspectors. It was discovered that no risk assessments had been completed for health and safety at the surgery since 2013, while inspectors also found that limited medicines were available to treat patients in an emergency situation.

Safety, effectiveness and leadership were all deemed inadequate, while responsiveness was deemed to require improvement and care was given a good rating. Staff who were interviewed during the inspection in February also raised concerns

after telling the CQC inspectors that they did not know what emergency medicines the doctors had and where they were kept, while there was no central emergency box for staff to access.

It was also noted that there was no designated leading member of staff to oversee any issues with safeguarding children and vulnerable adults from harm. Leadership was seen as a major problem, with a statement attached to the CQC report reading: "There was no evidence that the practice had a vision or strategy in place." Other issues included the lack of a patient participation group, at the surgery, which is part of the NHS Walsall Clinical Commissioning Group. However, inspectors noted that patients had said they were treated 'with com-

passion, dignity and respect'. Professor Steve Field, chief inspector of General Practice with the CQC, said: "The service will be kept under review and if needed could be escalated to urgent enforcement action. Where necessary, another inspection will be conducted in a further six months."

A statement from Dr N D Devasia and Dr D Panagamuwa said: "As a practice, we at St Mary's Surgery realise the CQC inspection has highlighted a number of areas that need to be addressed. We have taken immediate action, and continue to work hard to make changes to how the practice operates. We are very confident that in six months, we can demonstrate these changes have been made; and that we will achieve an overall rating of Good."

Firebomb attack at butcher's is mystery

A FAMILY who owns a halal butchers store which was destroyed by a petrol bomb said they have no idea why they were targeted.

Kashmir Meat and Poultry store in Wednesbury Road, Pleck, will need to be rebuilt after the blaze wrecked it.

Bashir Hussain, whose brother owns the store, had a lit bottle of accelerant thrown at him by a man who came into the shop on Monday.

He escaped with only bruising and phoned his wife Zalka Bib immediately after the attack at around 5.20pm.

Mrs Bib said: "I was saying: 'Are you joking?' and he said: 'No, I'm not joking.'"

"It makes us feel awful. We're not the type of people to make comments or anything like that. We have never had anything like this before."

Mr Hussain's brother Jamil Hussain owns the shop but was not there when the attack happened.

Police say the motive of the attack is 'unclear' and the authority cannot say for definite whether it was a racist attack.

Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz said it was a shocking attack which took place in broad daylight.

Disturbing

She said: "Although it is reported that the police are keeping an open mind over the motive of the attack, since the referendum result we have witnessed a surge of racially-motivated incidents nationally. This increase in hate crime is deeply disturbing."

"I have offered my support to the owners of Kashmir Meat & Poultry at this difficult time for them."

"I am waiting for an update from Chief Superintendent Jo Clews on any progress the police have made in the investigation of this horrific attack which could easily have resulted in serious injury or death."

Walsall North MP David Winnick warned any racism stoked up by last week's EU referendum must be confronted.

Mr Winnick said: "Whatever happened, if it was fire bombed, one hopes the culprit must be apprehended. In itself it is bad enough but if it meant as racism it should be condemned in every possible way."

"If they are using last Thursday's vote to incite racism, these thugs must be told strongly and clearly they are not going to be tolerated. If anyone does not like my strong expression they can lump it."



The scene at Kashmir Meat and Poultry shop, Wednesbury Road, Walsall, after it was fire bombed

Former councillor and community leader Mohammed Arif described the events as 'distressing'.

He said: "I am waiting to hear from the police to see if they class it as a racist attack but if you look at the fact it was a petrol bomb used then it appears to have some racist motives."

"It is totally indefensible to hit soft targets whether it is an individual or business on racist grounds."

"We have experienced isolated attacks like this before in the wake of 9/11 and the 2005 London bombings and there is no doubt that tensions have risen since the Brexit vote."

"Walsall has a great richly diverse community and we do not want to lose that."

Pleck Neighbourhood Watch chairman David

Baker said the community would pull together following the fire.

But he said there were occasional problems with anti-social behaviour.

He said: "To be honest it is frightening, when you think it's on your doorstep."

"At the end of the day I am sick of what's going on in the area because they seem to have a free rein over everything: fire bombs, the cars racing up and down. I am not happy living where we're living."

But he added: "There is no racial disharmony whatsoever. We live in harmony and everyone helps everybody. I have got some of some of the best residents living round me in the multiracial area we live in and I am pleased we have got them by us."

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IN MY VIEW

with Mark Andrews



Gunning for names linked to dark past

THIS month we mark Black Country Day, a time to celebrate the countless industries which made this area the workshop of the world. From the Newcomen steam engine at Dudley, the glittering glassware of Wordsley and Kingswinford, the red, fiery furnaces of Bilston, Wednesbury, and Brierley Hill – the Black Country led the world.

Unless, it seems, you are the headmistress of a school at the heart of one of our historic manufacturing centres.

For centuries there has been an area around the outskirts of West Bromwich known as Guns Village. Its precise origins are uncertain, but around the 18th and 19th centuries it played a major role in Britain's munitions industry.

Ok, so some of the industrialists of the day weren't too fussy about where their weapons ended up – in many cases, the Confederate side of the American Civil War. Nevertheless, Guns Village played an important role in making West Bromwich the place it is today.

Dawn Cooper, the headmistress of Guns Village Primary School, believes the name has connotations with gun crime, and is inviting people to come up with a nice new touchy-feely name for the school. I suppose we should be grateful she didn't use the word 'inclusive', which usually accompanies such madcap proposals. But if you apply the same logic elsewhere, should Arsenal football club be renamed?

Then there's Fighting Cocks in Wolverhampton, which of course is associated with blood-sports, not to mention the Bull Rings in Birmingham and Sedgley.

And what about Penny Lane, immortalised by The Beatles? The road, near John Lennon's childhood home, was named after John Penny, a leading figure in Liverpool's slave trade. I suppose Paul McCartney's lyrics could be rewritten, but somehow. In the road at the junction near the bus terminal at Smithdown Place there is a barber showing photographs. "doesn't really work, does it? Maybe the song should be banned altogether. Suits me, I can't stand The Beatles.

Of course, it's easy to poke fun, which is why I do it. But there is a serious side to all this. History is littered with bloody and unpalatable stories, from the rise and fall of the Roman Empire to the Second World War. But this modern, 'progressive' idea that everything unpleasant or offensive should be airbrushed from our past is disturbing in an age where university students demand 'safe spaces' lest they be subjected to opinions they dislike.

Guns Village will always be Guns Village, whatever the school thinks about it.

But perhaps if schools spent more time teaching youngsters about local history rather than shielding them from anything unpleasant or violent, they would have more of a sense of identity and civic pride. Who knows? They might even be less likely to turn to crime.



Lydia Davies, aged four and Milly Davies, eight, from Oldbury



John Langford and Billy Spake Mon at last year's event



Connor Groom, aged six and Richard Colley from Age of Penda

Flagging up brightest and best in our region

JUDITH HAWKINS reports on all that is going on to celebrate the best of the Black Country as festival fever takes off

GET out your Black Country flags to celebrate the best of the region, a packed programme of events have got under way to make everyone proud of their heritage.

With fairs to comedy nights, sporting events to historic tours, there's a huge variety of events on offer this month.

Organisers Steve Edwards and James Stevens are once again be at the helm of this Black Country extravaganza, and highlight that there is plenty to celebrate about the region, while also having a good time.

James said: "The Black Country is all about community, pride and having fun. Its people are the salt of the earth, we are full of pride for our historic region and the festival allows us all to come together showcase everything that is great about the Black Country."

In particular he is keen to once again bring the focus on the vital role the region had, and still has, to industry in the UK and abroad.

"The Industrial Revolution made the Black Country what it is today. It was the engine room of the world, everything was either made here or invented here. But there is a common misconception that industry in the Black Country is no more. So we need to once again shout about Black Country industry."

"I see so many business logos that incorporate the Black Country Flag. I saw a transport company the other day and the slogan was "Yow mek it, We tek it" with The Black Country Flag logo above it. We have the best Real Ale breweries in the world, our manufacturing industries are growing and food production in the Black Country goes worldwide. We still make everything here, including the kitchen sink."

It only seems right then that the spotlight is once again shining brightly on the Black Country, and the organisers are keen to en-



Campaigner, Philip Tibbetts originally from Halesowen, wearing Black Country Tartan

sure this year's festival surpasses the success of last year's festival, which saw well over 500 events that ranged in scale from barbecues for as little as 20 people, to football stadiums filled with over 20,000. Check out what's happening below. We are sure you will find something that whets your Black Country appetite.

Dudley

JULY 9: Noon to 4pm – Wordsley Festival will be at King George V park.

JULY 9: Noon to 4pm – Gornal fun day at the Recreation Ground in The Quarry Vale Street.

JULY 9: 9.30am to 4pm – The Black Country Fayre organised by the Halesowen and Rowley Regis Rotary Club takes place in Somers Square. Celebrating the best of the Black Country, with great food, entertainment and stalls selling local fayre. This is a showcase for all that's good in the Black Country and a day to be enjoyed by the whole family.

JULY 8: 8am to 5pm – Netherton Park Fun day.

JULY 9: 7.30pm – Black Country chamber choir Colla Voce will perform classical choral music with a professional chamber orchestra and professional baritone soloist at St. Michael's Church in Brierley Hill. Music by Mozart, Faure and Ola Gjeilo. Tickets £10 on the door.

JULY 9: 10.30am to 4pm – What's at the Top? Community Open Event at Top Church, Dudley, to explore new use options for St Thomas & St Lukes (known locally as Top Church). It will be a fun filled day for the family where you can come and make your own Top Hat, handle a bird of prey, learn about craft skills and the wonderful history and inspiring stories that can be told through the fabric of Top Church, and have your say on its future.

JULY 10: 1pm to 5pm – Brockmoor and Pensnett Black Country Fun Day at the Dell Stadium.

JULY 14: 10.30am or 1pm – Participate in a tour of the new White House Cone at the Museum of Glass, the Red House Glass Cone, Wordsley. Have a go at making a fused glass tile in our studio. Learn about why glass is made in the Black Country and where it is still being made! Booking essential. £5.75 per person.

JULY 15: Dudley Canal Trust celebrates Black Country Day with 45 minute tunnel trips Just 50p between 4pm to 7pm.

JULY 16: From 11am – thousands of people will be heading to Dudley for events in Stone Street Square.

JULY 16: Black Country Beer Day 2016. A public transport tour of some of the Black Country areas pubs. Organised by the Dudley & South Staffordshire CAMRA and Stourbridge & Halesowen CAMRA. Contact: 1954steve.thompson@blueyonder.co.uk

JULY 18: Come support The Glassboys in The Worcester Senior Cup which will see Stourbridge FC take on Kidderminster Harriers FC at the War Memorial Athletic Ground on the High Street, Ambicote, Stourbridge.

JULY 23: Dudley Town FC versus Worcester City FC at The Dell Stadium. 3pm kick off.

JULY 29 to 31: The festival will close with the inaugural Dudley Beer Festival, a three day celebration of real ale at Brierley Hill Civic Hall.

Sandwell

JULY 14: 11am to 2pm – Free fun day for all the family at Jubilee Park Community Centre, Tipton. Have your picture taken with Paw Patrol. There will be traditional food tastings and light refreshments, crafts and face painting for kids, tombola and raffle prize draws and great clothes give away.

JULY 14: Noon to 2.30pm – at Great Bridge Library there will be a Black Country Variety Show featuring poetry, magic, music and comedy. Not to be missed – advance booking required

JULY 16: On Fest is taking place on Old Hill High Street, featuring parades, classic cars, loads of stalls and entertainment.

JULY 16: 10.30am to 12.30pm – Tipton Library will be holding a Black Country Fun Day with crafts, music and much more.

JULY 19: 2pm to 4pm – Great Bridge Library are holding a 'Turkey and Tinsel' event. Enjoy Early Festive fun with an appearance from Santa, festive carols and a screening of the much-loved Turkey and Tinsel film by Martin Parr.

JULY 21 to 24: 'Bush Comedy Fest' at the Hollybush Arts Venue, Newtown Lane, Cradley Heath. Featuring over 50 comedians, free admission and real ale. From 7pm Thursday and Friday, and 2pm on Saturday and Sunday.

JULY 22: Top line-up of five comedians at Brook Street Community Centre, Tipton. Doors open at 7pm and tickets are £10. Contact steve.downing@hotmail.co.uk

JULY 25: 7pm to 9.30pm – Black Country Sports Quiz at Great Bridge Library.

JULY 29 to JULY 30: SHOUT! is a fun, fab and frivolous show that tracks five groovy girls as they come of age during those liberating days of the 60s that made England swing, with hits from Petula Clark, Cilla Black, Dusty Springfield and Lulu. This production will take place at Rowley Regis Learning Campus. Tickets are £12 and available online at www.shout2016.co.uk

Wolverhampton

JULY 14: Black Country Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with The Black Country Growth Hub at the Wolverhampton Business Solutions Centre invite you to join them for an early evening networking event to celebrate Black Country Day with businesses. The event will provide an ideal opportunity for local businesses to meet each other in a friendly networking environment and participate in various activities, from business games to competitions. There will also be an exciting chance to view historic images of the Black Country from the Express & Star photo archive project. Refreshments and a light buffet will be provided, with a menu of typical Black Country foods. It will take place at Wolverhampton Business Solutions Centre at the University of Wolverhampton Science Park on Glashier Drive. For further information and to book your free place visit bit.ly/1TX7v5U

JULY 14 to 17 JULY: Hayley and Dave, the new landlords at the Lych Gate Tavern in Wolverhampton town centre are hosting a cider and cheese festival.

JULY 16: 12pm to 3pm – The Angels Charity Events Fundraising Group will be holding a Flash Mob Dance Event on Bilston's Broad Street and High Street. It will be a Northern Soul/Motown/Mods/Ska dance event in aid of The Bluebell Children's Hospice. They will need local people to come and join in the fun, have a dance and raise some funds to make the Black Country Day Festival a special one.

JULY 16: Bilston Black Country Festival.



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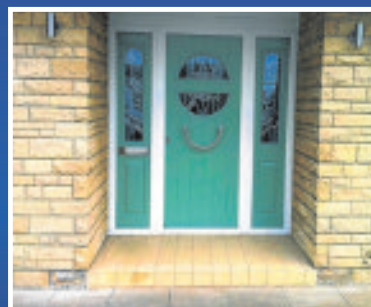
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I discovered there seemed to be discrepancies with the charges. I am waiting for duplicate copies of the diary to be made available, as routine.

Remainers need to get on with it

CAMERON, Osborne and all the other remainers have only got their selves to blame, they should have given it to us straight instead of trying to scare the people with their dubious facts and figures. As for the remainers shouting that 48 per cent want to stay in the EU, if it was the other way round, we would have been told to accept the decision.

We should mention Nigel Farage, who got the referendum moving, although some of his tactics were over the top, so to say, but his heart's in the right place.

As for Scotland, it shows that the SNP don't believe in majority voting or democracy, so keep having your referendums till you get the result you want, and join your Euro friends.

So, the 23rd June 2016, the day the people of England and Wales got their countries back, it's called democracy, are the politicians of Europe listening?

G SIMPSON
Darlaston

Apart from this, it seems the carers arrive at all sorts of erratic hours.

They could be, for the morning call, over an hour late and in the evening, two hours early.

The erratic timing, especially being late, my friend finds very stressful.

Other problems she has found include poor communication skills.

This is also evident in any writing they have to carry out.

Another problem, which seems simple enough, is carers putting screw tops back on coffee jars and milk cartons too tightly.

My friend can become quite distressed unable, as a result, to make herself a cup of tea.

She says carers can also seem anxious to get away, having arrived late, and don't always deal fully with the tasks written down in the care plan.

The question I wish to ask – is there enough supervision provided by Walsall Social Services?

Despite the problems, most carers are very nice people.

RAY HAMMOND
Aldridge
Walsall

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Ultimately the fears of immigration trumped economic concerns, it plays differently in our communities than in diverse London boroughs. We need skilled workers, nurses, doctors but fear, suspicion and polarised communities living separate lives made leaving the EU make sense to many. They want change, who will deliver it for them?

So what now? We should let devolution rip. We need votes at 16 to rekindle a fairer democratic system. Young people in our communities are suffering as a result of the decisions of a majority of older voters. We've jumped off the cliff. Happy landings.

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WALSALL and West Bromwich will be part of a hi-tech nationwide study into the changing face of the high street.

Around 1,000 sensors are being installed in 81 towns and cities across the UK as part of the biggest-ever investigation into how we shop and where we go.

The SmartStreetSensors are being installed by the Local Data Company (LDC) in partnership with University College London and the Consumer Data Research Centre to get information on what is called 'footfall' - the number of visits people make to their town centres.

LDC already carries out research into shop openings and closures nationwide.

The new devices will detect people visiting or passing particular shops and send the information to LDC's 'data warehouse' where it will be monitored for research and also shown on the maps.cdrc.ac.uk website.

Geographical

As well as Park Street in Walsall and a site in West Bromwich, sensors are being installed in Birmingham.

The organisers say: "The locations have been chosen in order to offer a wide geographical spread, differing demographic profiles and a range of town centre profiles (based on health and occupancy)."

With the rise of internet shopping in recent years the high street has changed as part of a consumer revolution. LDC data shows that last year multiple shop and leisure chains closed 1,043 stores on the high street, but 593 independent retailers opened up.

To try and get a handle on what is happening on the high streets of the UK, LDC has linked up with chains including Patisserie Valerie, Jack Wills, Tortilla, The Entertainer, Pizza Hut, Eurochange, Superdrug, Thorntons, Dixons Carphone, Itsu, Ed's Easy Diner, Pret a Manger, Aldi and Oxfam.

Rhys crops in for prom



Pupil Rhys Gaddu, with the farm vehicle.

Picture: Jane Williams

A SCHOOL pupil picked an unusual way of getting to his school prom when he wowed onlookers by arriving in a combine harvester.

Aldridge School's Rhys Gaddu, aged 15, was dropped off at his glittering shindig at the Banks's Stadium in Walsall on Friday after being taken there by his boss Ian Kendall.

Mr Kendall, who employs Rhys at his Hayhead Farm shop on Longwood Lane, said of their arrival at

Walsall Football Club's ground: "I can only speak as I saw. It had an effect, shall we say."

He said he saw some pupils arriving in a fire engine, another three groups turn up on a horse and cart and lots of other teenagers arriving in sports cars and limousines.

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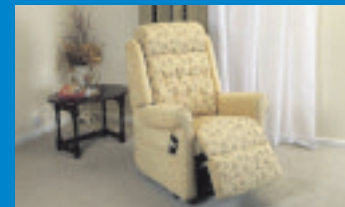
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Carnival time for village despite the downpours



Grace and Elizabeth Alexander from St Michaels School



Kimi Arblaster, aged eight, on the Pelsall British Legion float



The animal kingdom is out in force at the carnival. THOUSANDS of people took to the 'tropical' streets of Pelsall for the village's 44th carnival.

The procession involved 27 floats as well as walking groups and bands.

'Tropical showers' did not deter visitors - with around 3,000 flocking into Pelsall for a piece of carnival sunshine. The main arena was also packed with large crowds who saw a diverse range of entertainment including a

mass zumba class, a hose-blast display from junior firefighters, musical performances, dance troupes, gymnasts and the crowning of carnival royalty.

Carnival secretary Ian Ryderrech, aged 74, who lives in the village, said: "This year's carnival was a fantastic event, with hardly any people it seemed being put off by the tropical showers."

Katie Whittaker of Blakenhall was crowned carnival queen, and five winners of the float competition were announced, with the First Scouts Group

Dance City children get in the carnival mood on their float of Pelsall coming in first place. There was also a falconry display which wowed the audience.

Ellen Beddow, of Station Road, Rushall, attended the carnival and said: "It was a fabulous day. They had put so much effort into it and the procession was a treat to see, in fact I haven't seen one like it since I was a child."

Mr Ryderrech added: "The rewards of doing the carnival every year are immeasurable. I think it keeps me young."



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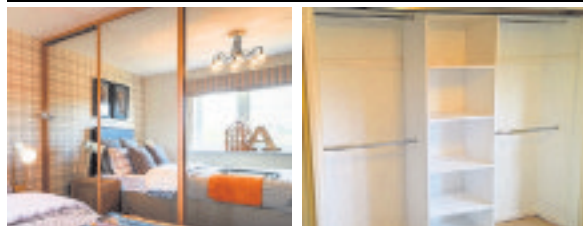
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Stephanie nails it for final chance



Walsall College student Stephanie Blower seen with her certificate for first place in the contest

A WALSALL student has taken first place in a major beauty therapy competition's heats and could now compete in its national final.

Stephanie Blower, who is 34, won the Nail Services Open category at the World Skills UK Beauty Therapy competition. The Level 2 Walsall College student could now be chosen to represent the college in the UK final at the NEC Skills Show in November. She will only know once all regional heats have been completed.

The event was organised by the Vocational Training Charitable Trust (VTCT) in Manchester on June 15.

She said: "Taking part in the competition was quite daunting at first, but once my nerves settled I really enjoyed it. Coming top in my category has given me a massive boost and I'm very proud of my achievement. I hope I've done enough to get to the final, as to compete at the Skills Show would be an amazing experience."

Walsall College's curriculum manager for beauty Jo Small said: "We are delighted that Stephanie's skills and expertise shone through."

Fly-tipper fears with rejected bin pleas

AROUND 2,000 people in Walsall have had applications for a larger rubbish bin rejected, prompting fly-tipping fears.

It comes ahead of changes for waste to be collected fortnightly. The council is set to scrap weekly collections in October in a move to save £1 million.

Since May more than 20,000 people have applied for a

larger grey bin in anticipation of rubbish piling up but the authority confirmed around 'one in ten' applications had been unsuccessful.

Most households in the borough will have a 140-litre grey bin for rubbish but with the forthcoming change the council has opened up applications for people to have one twice as big. But only households with three or more people could apply and even then they had to meet a criteria.

Councillor Carl Creaney, who represents Willenhall South, has a household of three and was among those to have a bid rejected.

He claimed if like-sized households across the borough were similarly refused it would likely cause an increase in fly-tipping, which already blights the borough. He said: "At first the council

By Carl Jackson

sent out 100 emails as a trial, telling people if they had got a bigger bin or not. I was one of the ones who was refused. It says online that households of three are eligible.

"The major problem is that there is no right of appeal. It is just going to result in mass fly-tipping. I have spoken to the portfolio holder about this."

The council says people refused a bigger bin could dispute the decision through the authority's usual complaints procedure, which could lead to a 'waste audit' measuring how a particular household disposed of its waste.

Figures showed fly-tipping cost the council around £28,000 a month to deal with last year.

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From left, Michelle Tschubenko, Kiera-Leigh Wellings, aged 12, Zoe Fellows, Mckala Harrold (organiser) holding Grace Glover, six, (Louise's daughter), Janine Oakley (organiser) and Jada Forester, nine, all taking part in the walk

A MOTHER'S dying wish to send her children to Disneyland could be granted by a fundraising friend. Louise Glover, of Bilston, defied doctors' expectations by fighting a rare form of cancer for three years, but finally lost her battle in May. Her story captured people's hearts after her son, Kyle, decided he wanted their family to go on one last holiday before she died.

The 'Kyle's Dream' campaign raised more than £3,000 and in September last year 43-year-old Louise and her

family spent two weeks together at Butlins in Somerset. Having thoroughly enjoyed the UK trip, her dying wish was to send her younger children to Disneyland Paris.

Now family friend Mckala Harrold, aged 40, has set about raising £4,000 to pay for Louise's two youngest to make the trip to the French capital.

Later this month she will be taking part in a 15-mile sponsored walk from Bilston to Penkridge which has been co-organised by fellow Bilston resident

Janine Oakley. And in August she will be hosting an event in memory of Louise at Gilberts Bar, Willenhall.

Louise died on May 4, aged 43, having suffered a negative reaction to her latest chemotherapy treatment.

She left behind her husband London and six children, Ashley, 25, Lauren, 20, Elle, 19, Kyle, 17, Eston, 10, and six-year-old Gracie. Visit www.go-fundme.com/26nckm97 to donate or contact Mckala on 07794110863 for tickets to the August 13 fundraiser.

Primary turns its fortunes around with 'good' rating

A PREVIOUSLY failing school in Walsall has turned around its fortunes to be rated 'good' by an education watchdog.

Ofsted demanded standards improve at Reedswood E-Act Primary Academy following their last full inspection back on 2014.

But following a two-day visit in May the Bentley Road-based school, which caters for around 450 youngsters, has elevated itself to 'good' according to the inspectors' findings which were published last week.

Their report states: "The principal and other senior leaders have ensured significant improvements since the last inspection. They have set high expectations for all members of the school community and as a result teaching has improved and is now good."

"Pupils now make good progress, often from low starting points, in reading, writing

and mathematics. They enjoy their learning and appreciate what the school offers them.

"Pupils who are disadvantaged, have English as an additional language or who have special educational needs or disability all make good progress due to carefully planned interventions."

"Parents value the work the school does with their children and recognise and appreciate the improvements that the principal has brought about since her appointment."

The watchdog also compliments the attitude of the students, the school's work to ensure pupil safety, teaching in early years and the governance of the academy's sponsor.

Reedwood's improvement has been spearheaded by relatively new principal and vice-principal team who started in January 2015. Vice-principal Natalie Shipley said: "It is amazing to be rated good now. It recognises all of the hard work of the staff and it is what they deserve."

MP attacks racism in vote's wake

A WALSALL MP has hit out at racist incidents that have occurred in the wake of the EU referendum result.

More than a hundred incidents of racial abuse and hate crime have been reported since the UK historically voted to leave the European Union.

The figures have already been slammed by West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner David Jamieson who declared that hate crime was 'not acceptable'.

MP David Winnick has echoed that statement and claimed West Midlands Police 'must ensure' that anyone found to be carrying out hate crimes are 'apprehended at the first opportunity'.

He said: "It is deplorable that racist incidents have occurred in various parts of the country following the referendum result."

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Police searching for missing man

POLICE are searching for a missing Walsall man who has not been seen since last Wednesday morning.

Neil Shelton, aged 41, has not been seen since leaving his home in Rough Hay Road, Darlaston, at around 7.45am on Wednesday. He has not been in contact with family and they are concerned.

Mr Shelton is white, of slim build, with receding dark brown hair and a goatee beard. He was last seen wearing black combat trousers, a black T-shirt with a red and white logo and either a khaki green jacket or light grey hoodie. He was carrying a black rucksack.



Neil Shelton

Insp Ben Woodhall, from Walsall said: "I urge anyone who may have seen Mr Shelton to call me or a member of team, as soon as they can on 101, or call the Missing People charity on 116 000."

£1,900 bill for fly-tip man caught on camera

A FLY-TIPPER caught on camera dumping bags of rubble and debris, inches away from a hidden camera, has been ordered to pay more than £1,900.

Duane Greenaway, of the Beechdale Estate, Walsall, was filmed fly-tipping at Rayboulds Bridge Road on May 17, 2015. He was caught illegally dumping 21 plastic bags of rubble and excavation debris.

The road is a hotspot for fly-tipping and the rubbish was removed from Greenaway's house.

Walsall Magistrates Court was shown footage of him removing the bags from a white Nissan Vanette and emptying them by the side of the road.

In mitigation, magistrates were told that the 53-year-old had removed the debris from his garden to improve access for his elderly relatives and was not doing it on a commercial basis.

He pleaded guilty to fly-tipping and was fined £740 for the offence.

He was also ordered to pay costs of £1,087 and a victim surcharge of £74.



Reprehensible

Councillor Julie Fitzpatrick, Walsall Council's portfolio holder for community, leisure and culture, said: "These types of activities show a total disregard for the environment and will not be tolerated."

"Fly-tipping has a cost to the taxpayers and we each have a responsibility to tackle this reprehensible behaviour head on and we will vigorously pursue a prosecution."

"A person witnessing someone dumping waste and wishing to report should record the following details: location of the incident; day, date, and time; type and quantity of waste; vehicle details including make and type of vehicle, colour, registration number, noticeable markings and the name

The CCTV fly-tipping image or description of the person fly-tipping."

Fly-tipping is set to cost Walsall Council £120,000 this year.

Earlier this year, a pair of fly-tippers who also dumped a mountain of rubbish right in front of a secret camera were fined £400 by magistrates.

The pair were caught on CCTV as they tied a rope to a 'no-tipping' sign and around a bag of demolition debris so that it fell off their truck as they drove away.

Anyone who wishes to report fly-tipping, can email Walsall Council's Clean and Green service at cleanandgreen@walsall.gov.uk or call 01922 653344.

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An Express & Star photograph showing Bilston steel workers on the march for their jobs



This photo from the exhibition is by Nick Hedges



A picket line with Councillor Dennis Turner in the front row. Thanks to David Bagnall

MEMORY LANE

By Professor Carl Chinn

BILSTON was to the making of steel as was Belfast to the building of ships and Bradford to the production of wool.

Once famed for its iron, its bond with steel arose because of the vision and skills of Sir Alfred Hickman.

Born in 1830, at 16 he was at work in his father's business, the Groveland Ironworks and Moat Colliery in Tipton. He and his brother later took over the company, but in 1867 Alfred struck out on his own and bought the Spring Vale blast furnaces in Bilston.

A moderniser who was keen to adopt new processes, Hickman quickly recognised the potential of the new basic Bessemer steelmaking process when it was licensed in 1879.

With other Black Country ironmasters he organised a trial to see whether local pig iron was suitable for conversion into steel. Impressed, Hickman bought three Bessemer converters and formed the Staffordshire Steel and Ingot Company, with a steelworks next to his blast furnaces at Bilston.

By 1900, what was now Alfred Hickman Ltd was producing 3,000 tons of iron and 1,500 tons of steel annually, and employing more than 2,000. Hickman's business expanded greatly but after his death it was taken over in 1920 by Stewarts and Lloyds, a huge steel maker. Still the works continued to dominate employment in Bilston and in 1954 a new blast

Town's steely determination

furnace was lit to replace three smaller ones. It was named Elisabeth after the daughter of the chairman of Stewarts & Lloyds Ltd, but was called Big Lizzie by the workers.

This furnace produced 275,000 tons of steel a year. Another new blast furnace was named Charles. Then in 1967 Bilston Steel was nationalised and it became part of the British Steel Corporation.

Response

Throughout the next decade the historic works were threatened with closure and in November 1977 it was announced that they would almost certainly shut down in 1980. That would mean a loss of 2,500 jobs and potentially another 10,000 in firms dealing with the plant. This terrible news came despite the works having made a profit of £15 million in the previous three years.

The announcement of closure was made to the Bilston Works Council by John Pennington, managing director of the Sheffield Division of BSC. In response a Joint Trade Unions Action Committee was set up. Its chairman was the then Councillor Dennis Turner, later a Labour MP for Wolverhampton and then Lord Bilston. He declared that 'Bilston people have

been known for their tolerance but when they see the injustice of these proposals their wrath will be felt throughout the length and breadth of the country'.

Councillor Turner was also vice-chairman of the economic development committee on West Midlands County Council and chairman of the equivalent committee on Wolverhampton Council. As such he secured funding from both bodies to pay for a report by experts from Aston University on the viability of the Bilston Works. This showed clearly that there were solid economic grounds for the future.

As chairman of Bilston Joint Trade Unions Action Committee, Lord Bilston was instrumental in keeping it open. He was amongst the 500 workers who marched from Springvale Social Club through 'A' Gate at Millfield Road so that they might start rebrick the furnace. Alerted to what was going on, factory inspectors entered the site but were surprised to find that thanks to Councillor Turner the workers were covered by insurance from the Co-op. Faced by such determination British Steel were made to keep Elisabeth open. Victory was short-lived and in October 1980 the blast furnaces Lizzie and Charles were demolished.

The memory of Elisabeth in particular looms

large in the consciousness of the people of Bilston, and an important new project highlights its ongoing significance to the town.

It is called 'In the Shadow of Elisabeth' and since February 2015 its volunteers have been collecting material relating to the final years of Bilston steelworks. They have brought together the personal testimonies of key witnesses, previously unseen archive material, historical photos and rare artefacts for a major exhibition called 'Tempered Not Quenched: The Battle for Bilston Steelworks'.

As the text for the exhibition emphasises, Elisabeth was the final blast furnace in the Black Country and was a symbol of the region's industrial past and its future. In response the Bilston Joint Trade Unions Action Committee (BJUAC) devised a more high-profile defence campaign: enlisting the support of Wolverhampton's Trade Council to organise a mass 'We Want to Work' demonstration through the centre of Wolverhampton in June 1978.

Dennis Turner told the protesters: "The Government must be told the extent to which this area is going into decline. Instead of being the workshop of the world, the Black Country is going to turn into one of the biggest backwaters. If that happens the whole country will

be worse off." By March 1979 the battle of Bilston was reaching its zenith. The steelmen marched through London, lobbying parliament before holding a mass vigil outside a meeting of union leaders. A delegation of steelmen headed to Fleet Street, demanding to meet with relevant industrial correspondents. Upon their return to Bilston, the BJUAC organised a mass meeting, where they announced that the ISTC was calling for a public enquiry. The Government, however, refused the request.

The following October a crowd of angry Bilstonians congregated in 'safe exclusion zones' around the town to watch a demolition team from Sheffield unceremoniously tear down their beloved Elisabeth.

A letter from a Mrs Beasley to the Express & Star summed up the thoughts of the town: "Will Bilston, like the phoenix, ever rise from the ashes and become that thriving, bustling industrial market town we knew and loved? Rest in Peace, Elisabeth. We shall miss you and all that you stood for."

The exhibition at Bilston Craft Gallery is open to the public until September 17. For more details, contact project co-ordinator Greig Campbell at greig@itsoe.co.uk or on 07585 669833.

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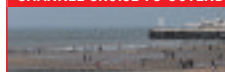


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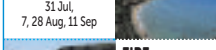
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Chaplin

Thursday, 7.30pm
New Alexandra Theatre, B'ham
A musical play looking at the silent movie star's life in the music halls and Hollywood with Bryan Hodgson as Chaplin (above) and Coronation Street's Steven Arnold as his brother. Visit www.atgtickets.com/shows

Matt Cardle

Monday, 7pm
The Glee Club, B'ham
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Actor and DJ Craig Charles (pictured) is among a funkastic line-up including George Clinton with Parliament Funkadelic, De La Soul, Grandmaster Flash, Average White Band and more. See mostlyjazz.co.uk

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Music fans will head to the Forest



Fans predict a musical riot when the Kaiser Chiefs, fronted by Ricky Wilson, play Cannock Chase on Sunday

"If you go down to the woods this summer, you're sure of a big surprise." So says Kaiser Chiefs frontman Ricky Wilson as his band plays at this weekend's Forest Live concerts on Cannock Chase.

"We've always loved to play outdoors. We've done fields, parks, farms, rooftops, beaches and back gardens, but this will be the first time we've played in a forest," said the 38-year-old Keighley-born singer,

who is the most successful judge on TV's The Voice. Kaiser Chiefs are currently working on album number six, while new single Parachute is out on October 7.

Support for the KCs' gig on Sunday comes from Vitamin and Spring King with the concert from 7pm being the last of three sold-out events in the forest this weekend.

Singer-songwriter James Bay is tomorrow night's (Friday) headline

act. Fans of the 2016 Brit Award Best Male Artist will be able to hear tracks from top-selling album Chaos and the Calm, including Hold Back The River. Support by the trio Joseph at 7.45pm.

Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott are Saturday's main attraction with songs from second album Wisdom, Laughter and Lines, as well as favourites from The Beautiful South. Support comes from Devlin Brothers (6.50pm) followed by Leisure Society.



Doreen has a Grand plan

BLACK Country comedy character Doreen Tipton is likely to give her thoughts on how to sort out Brexit Britain with her shows at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, July 13 and 14.

Following the EU Referendum, Doreen has broken into the world of politics with hilarious consequences via her own political broadcast, that has become an online hit.

As leader of the Yam Yam Party she has decided to stand up for the 'little folk' now the 'un-erected bureaucrats' have left the Black Country 'without a paddle'.

She talks about how the vote has hit the markets – mainly Bilston and Brierley Hill markets – and how it has alienated young people 'after a quarter of them got out of bed to vote'.

Her party has three pledges – to never lie, use no confusing statistics and sort out immigration by building a wall around the Black Country to keep out the Brummies.

Following on from the success of Doreen: The Movie and now her own online TV channel – Doreen TV – the character, created by actress Gill Jordan and writer David Tristram, has been selling out venues from Bewdley to Brum on her Grand Night Out tour.

With a mixture of satirical stand-up (or sit-down, when she needs a rest), music and video surprises, Doreen will assess the state of the nation as only she can. The show is recommended for over-15s and tickets cost from £11.50 to £16.50. See www.grandtheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01902 429212.

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Falstaff opera will end CBSO season

THE City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra finishes its latest season with a performance of Verdi's comic opera Falstaff.

The concert in Symphony Hall, Birmingham, is on Wednesday, July 13 at 7pm. Tickets are £21 to £48 for the concert in which the CBSO is joined by singer Ambrogio Maestri in the title role and the CBSO Chorus. It is being sung in Italian.

Meanwhile, the Music For Youth National Festival continues in and around the Symphony Hall. Hear music all day by brass and wind bands today (Thursday) and tomorrow, including Cannock Performing Arts Centre Wind Band on Friday.

Showcase stage for young dance talent

STUDENTS at the Elmhurst School of Dance, the associate ballet school to Birmingham Royal Ballet, will be performing a Summer show at Birmingham Rep on July 14, 15 and 16.

Performed in association with Birmingham Royal Ballet, Summer Synchronisation will showcase the talents of students aged 11 to 19 years from the school in Edgbaston.

Performances embrace a range of dance styles from classical to hip hop via flamenco and jazz. It will include one-act ballet Elite Synchronisations by Kenneth MacMillan. For tickets visit birmingham-rep.co.uk or call 0121 236 4455.

Scott tops bill at songwriter festival

SINGER-SONGWRITER Scott Matthews headlines a mini-festival in his home city on Saturday, at the Banstock Songwriter's Garden party.

From 4 to 10pm Bantock Park, on Finchfield Road, Wolverhampton, will host an impressive line-up of talented musicians.

The event starts with Sharodene and continues with Gary O'Dea, Saltflat, Ryan Evans, Under A Banner, Alex Ohm, Terry & Gerry, with Matthews – who has released four studio albums – taking the stage at 9pm.

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Santiago Cabrera

The Musketeers (BBC1, 8.30pm)

The day of reckoning arrives for the swashbuckling heroes, as the murderous Grimaud set in motion a series of savage, co-ordinated attacks designed to eliminate the Musketeers for good. Despite receiving Grimaud's direct attention, Athos manages to escape with his life, and sets out to warn his comrades they will be next on the hit-list. Meanwhile, Athos finds his affair with Queen Anne in the forefront of his mind as he accompanies King Louis on an annual pilgrimage to mark his royal father's death. Starring Santiago Cabrera, Tom Burke, Thalissa Teixeira, Luke Pasqualino, Tamla Kari, Howard Charles, Matthew McNulty, Rupert Everett, Lukas Juza, Andre Flynn, Hugo Speer and Ryan Gage.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Mary Berry's Absolute Favourites. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Weather. 12.10 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 Wimbledon 2016. Coverage from the All England Club. 5.40 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.

6.00 Pointless Celebrities. Radio 1 and Radio 1Xtra presenters Clara Amfo, Trevor Nelson, Yasmin Evans, Greg James, Chris Stark, Scott Mills, Dev Griffin and Sarah-Jane Crawford take part in the quiz. (R)

6.50 The Getaway Car. A father-and-son team, a pair of Essex girls, and two London Underground drivers are among the competitors hitting the track in South Africa this week.

7.40 The National Lottery. In It to Win It. Quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big cash prize. Includes the Lotto and Thunderball draws and Lotto results. Last in the series.

8.30 The Musketeers. Grimaud set in motion a series of savage attacks designed to eliminate the Musketeers, and when Athos manages to escape the trap, he sets out to warn his comrades.

9.25 Casualty. Brian's stray cigarette butt causes a house fire, leaving both Hazel and Rihanna's lives in jeopardy, and Charlie correctly guesses Connie and Jacob are back together.

10.15 BBC News. Weather; National Lottery Update.

10.35 Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) A buccaneer and a blacksmith commander a British ship and set sail in pursuit of a pirate captain who has kidnapped a colonial governor's daughter. However, their quarry and his crew are under a curse that turns them into living skeletons - and makes them impossible to kill. Swashbuckling fantasy adventure, starring Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom, Keira Knightley, Geoffrey Rush, Jack Davenport and Jonathan Pryce.

12.45 Film: The Resident. (2011) A doctor moves into a spacious new apartment, but realises her landlord is dangerously obsessed with her. Horror, starring Hilary Swank, Jeffrey Dean Morgan and Christopher Lee. 2.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Film: The Long Voyage Home. (1940) Drama, starring John Wayne. 7.45 **Film: Flight of the Navigator.** (1986) Sci-fi adventure, starring Joey Cramer. 9.10 **Natural World.** (R) 10.30 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** (R) 11.00 **Wimbledon 2016.** The ladies' wheelchair singles final. 12.30 **Coast.** (R) 1.00 **Film: Firecracker.** (1968) Western, starring James Stewart. 2.40 **Escape to the Country.** (R) 3.25 **Flog It!** (R) 4.10 **The Great British Sewing Bee.** (R) 5.10 **Gardeners' World.** (R) 5.40 **Wimbledon 2016.** The men's and ladies' doubles finals.

8.00 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the ladies' singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided. Plus, a preview of the men's singles final and action from the day's other finals and semi-finals.

9.00 The Wipers Times. In the bombed-out ruins of the Belgian town of Ypres in 1916, Captain Fred Roberts and Lieutenant Jack Pearson discover a printing press and decide to start a satirical newspaper to raise the spirits of the British troops. It proves hugely popular with the men in the trenches - but their superior officers see it as an act of insubordination and subversion and call for a ban. Feature-length factual drama by Ian Hislop and Nick Newman, starring Ben Chaplin, Julian Rhind-Tutt, Michael Palin and Emilia Fox. (R)

10.30 Versailles. When a protest halts construction at the palace, the King refuses to let Philippe help and matters escalate, allowing plotters to pose a genuine threat to the young monarch's rule. (R) Inside Versailles.

11.30 Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of day three from Castle Stuart Golf Club in Inverness, where Rickie Fowler is the reigning champion after victory at Gullane Golf Club.

12.30 Film: The Big Kahuna. (1999) The rising tension gets to three salesmen as they wait at a hotel to make their pitches to an important potential client. Drama, with Kevin Spacey. 1.55 **Film: Down Terrace.** (2009) Father-and-son gangsters are released from prison and try to identify the informant in their organisation. Crime comedy, starring real-life father and son Robin and Robert Hill. 3.25 This is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 **Pat & Stan.** (R) 6.30 **Dino Dan.** (R) 6.45 **Dino Dan.** (R) 6.55 **Signed Stories: Share a Story.** (R) 7.00 **Sooty.** (R) 7.15 **Super 4.** (R) 7.30 **Oddbods.** (R) 7.35 **Thunderbirds Are Go.** (R) 8.00 **NinjaGo: Masters of Spinjitzu.** (R) 8.25 **ITV News.** 8.30 **Weekend.** 9.25 **Murder, She Wrote.** (R) 10.20 **Murder, She Wrote.** (R) 11.20 **Who's Doing the Dishes?** (R) 12.20 **ITV News.** Weather. 12.30 **The Wine Show.** 1.35 **Big Box Little Box.** (R) 2.05 **Doc Martin.** (R) 3.05 **Film: The Mirror Crack'd.** (1980) Miss Marple mystery, starring Angela Lansbury. 5.10 **The Chase.** (R)

6.20 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.20 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from giddy grandmas, cute kids and crazy animals to below-the-belt mishaps, practical jokers and painful-looking accidents. (R)

7.00 Catchphrase. Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show, asking three contestants to "see it and say it" as they try to guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues. After the first elimination, the two remaining players battle to reach the Super Catchphrase round, where one of them could win £50,000.

7.45 Film: The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey. (2012) Unassuming hobbit Bilbo Baggins is pulled out of his comfortable life when Gandalf the wizard volunteers him for a dangerous quest. He joins a party of dwarves who are on a mission to reclaim their lost homeland, which has been taken over by a dragon. The first part of Peter Jackson's fantasy adventure trilogy based on J.R.R. Tolkien's novel, starring Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen and Richard Armitage.

10.50 ITV News; Weather.

11.10 Film: Carry On Matron. (1972) A gang of crooks tries to infiltrate a maternity hospital planning to steal the stock of contraceptive pills. Comedy, starring Sid James.

12.50 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.00 **Murder, She Wrote.** Jessica is taken hostage. (R) 3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Mobil 1 The Grid. 6.25 **Motor Sport: Mini Challenge.** 6.55 **Nic Hamilton's Racing Dream.** 7.55 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) 8.25 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) 8.55 **The Morning Line.** 9.55 **Formula 1: British Grand Prix Practice 3 Live.** The 10th round of the season continues. 11.05 **The Superhumans Show.** 11.35 **Salvage SOS.** 12.00 **Formula 1: British Grand Prix Qualifying Live.** Coverage of the battle for pole position (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.30 **Channel 4 Racing.** Live coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot. 5.30 **Channel 4 News.**

6.00 Gogglesprogs. Young TV viewers watch a range of programmes, from entertainment shows to documentaries and classic films, as well as up-to-the-minute news reports. In this instalment, the youngsters offer their honest and hilarious views on Call the Midwife, The Voice UK and The Wizard of Oz. (R)

7.00 Film: Battleship. (2012) A reckless slacker joins the Navy, hoping to win the respect of his girlfriend's father, a stern admiral. He and his shipmates are put to the ultimate test as part of a force of vessels that must battle an invading fleet of powerful alien spaceships. Sci-fi adventure, starring Taylor Kitsch, Liam Neeson and Alexander Skarsgard.

9.30 Film: Ted. (2012) A lonely boy makes a wish at Christmas that his teddy bear will come to life, which is magically granted. The boy grows up to become a directionless slacker, with the foul-mouthed living toy still his inseparable friend - but his girlfriend thinks it is time for him to grow up. Comedy, starring Mark Wahlberg and Mila Kunis, directed by and featuring the voice of Seth MacFarlane.

11.35 Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA. Gordon Ramsay is in New Jersey to help Rose Leone, who spent two years in a coma and came out of hospital to learn her son had run her beloved Italian restaurant into the ground. (R)

12.35 Film: The Place Beyond the Pines. (2012) Crime drama, starring Ryan Gosling. 3.00 **Hollyoaks.** Omnibus Grace gives her brothers an ultimatum. (R) 5.05 **Kirstie's Handmade Treasures.** (R) 5.20 **French Collection.** Three collectors try to make a profit from items bought in Nice. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 8.25 **Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.** (R) 9.00 **The Saturday Show Live.** 11.10 **Police Interceptors: Takedown.** (R) 11.40 **Police Interceptors.** (R) 12.40 **Film: Major Dundee.** (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston. 3.40 **Film: Rio Lobo.** (1970) Howard Hawks' Western, with John Wayne and Jorge Rivero. 5.15 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** (R)

6.15 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul and Phil head to Kent for an eviction, but when they finally take possession of the house, they discover a full-scale cannabis factory upstairs. Elsewhere, Brian and Delroy chase a debt of nearly £3,000 in Hampshire and two agents attempt to collect almost £5,000 owed by a farmer in Sussex. Plus, Paul finds himself accused of racism when he and Steve attempt to evict a Kosovan family living in emergency accommodation in London. (R)

7.15 NCIS: Los Angeles. Callen and Sam unearth links to an al-Qaeda recruiting agent after a Navy officer dies following a confrontation involving a dancer and a Sudanese emigre at a strip club. (R)

8.05 NCIS. The agents reluctantly team up with the coast guard to investigate the apparent murder of a Navy diver who was trying to recover a sunken ship and its treasure, and Gibbs finds a prime suspect in a wealthy doctor who had bankrupted the underwater mission. Starring Mark Harmon. (R)

9.00 NCIS. Gibbs and Bishop travel to Afghanistan in the wake of the murder of a US Marine captain in Washington, DC, and the death is linked to a terror group affiliated with the Taliban.

9.55 5 News Weekend.

10.00 Big Brother. Catching up with the Big Brother contestants as they react to Friday night's live eviction, revealing how another departure has affected the rest of the house.

11.05 Gemma Collins: In Therapy. The reality TV star talks to therapist Mandy Salinger in a bid to understand why her celebrity dream has come crashing down. (R)

12.05 Sportscasino. 3.10 **Big Brother.** (R) 4.00 **The Secret Life of Kittens.** (R) 4.50 **Divine Designs.** (R)

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BBC Four

7.00 Moonlight Tales: The Life of Tove Jansson **8.00** The Last Seabird Summer? **9.00 Film: A Hijacking** (2012) **10.40 T** in the Park 2016 **1.10** Top of the Pops: 1982 **2.30** Ultimate Number 1s at the BBC **3.30** Close

ITV2

11.50 Ninja Warrior UK **12.50 Film:** Baby Mama (2008) **1.50 FYI Daily** **1.55 Film:** Baby Mama (2008) **2.45 Film:** Small Soldiers (1998) **3.45 FYI Daily** **3.50 Film:** Small Soldiers (1998) **5.00 Film:** Scooby-Doo (2002) **6.00 FYI Daily** **6.05 Film:** Scooby-Doo (2002) **6.45 Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **7.45 FYI Daily** **7.50 Film:** Sweet Home Alabama (2002) **9.00 Love Island** **10.50** Celebrity Juice: X Factor Special **10.50** Family Guy **12.20** American Dad! **1.20** The Cleveland Show **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.35** The Hot Desk: DNCE **2.45** Teleshopping **5.45** ITV2 Nightscreen

ITV3

12.35 Foyle's War **2.50** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **3.50** FYI Daily **3.55** Film: Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory (1971) **5.00** Midsomer Murders **7.00** Doc Martin **8.00** Lewis **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.10** The Jury **1.10** City Lights **2.00** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.00 Goodwood Festival of Speed **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** Tour de France Live. Coverage of stage eight of this year's race. **4.30** Storage Wars **6.00** Monster Carp **7.00** Tour de France Highlights **8.00** Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) **9.05** FYI Daily **9.10** Film: The Spy Who Loved Me (1977) **10.40** Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) **11.40** FYI Daily **11.45** Film: A Dangerous Man (2010) **12.35** Motorway Patrol **1.00** Tour de France Highlights **2.00** The Wine Show **2.55** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 Rich Kids of Instagram **12.00** New Girl **12.30** The Goldbergs **3.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Snow White & the Huntsman (2012) **11.30** Gogglebox **1.40** Rude Tube **3.30** The New Normal **4.10** Rude(ish) Tube **4.35** Revenge **Film4** **11.00** Bend of the River (1952) **1.00** Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (2011) **2.40** Rango (2011) **4.50** Lemmy Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events (2004) **6.55** The Way Way Back (2013) **9.00** Aliens (1986) **12.00** Alien 3 (1992) **2.15** The Pact (2012) **4.00** Close

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 Sunday Morning Live. 11.00 Regional Programme. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 12.45 BBC News: Weather. 1.00 Wimbledon 2016. 1.50 Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the men's singles final at the All England Club. 5.35 BBC News. 5.50 Regional Programme.
6.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker helps out with the strawberry harvest in Kent, while Naomi Wilkinson meets a couple who set up their own animal rescue centre and visits Dover to investigate the history of people attempting to swim the English Channel. John Craven meets a farmer growing Chinese vegetables. Adam Henson reports from the Royal Forest Counties Show, and Tom Heap investigates calls to ban live plant imports.
7.00 MOTD: Euro 2016 Live. The final (Kick-off 8.00pm). Gary Lineker presents coverage of the showpiece game, which takes place at the Stade de France, as the 24-team tournament draws to a close. The event began in this stadium exactly one month ago, with Didier Deschamps' host nation overcoming Romania 2-1 thanks to a wonder-strike from West Ham United's Dimitri Payet. France would top their group and move onto a last-16 encounter with the Republic of Ireland, while Romania were eliminated after finishing bottom of the table following their three matches. Subsequent programmes subject to change.
10.30 BBC News. 10.50 Regional Programme. 11.00 Live at the Apollo. Andy Parsons hosts the stand-up show recorded at London's Hammersmith Apollo. (R)
11.45 Film: Flatliners. (1990) Five medical students conduct dangerous experiments to discover whether there is an afterlife by electronically inducing a near-deathlike state and then bringing about resuscitation at the critical moment. However, when they venture into real-death experiences, they unwittingly unleash supernatural phenomena linked to their past misdeeds. Thriller, with Julia Roberts.
1.35 Weather for the Week Ahead. 1.40 BBC News.

BBC2

**6.10 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) 6.35 Great British Garden Revival. (R) 7.35 Gardeners' World. (R) 8.05 Countryfile. (R) 9.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. 10.30 Tom Kerridge's Best Ever Dishes. (R) 11.00 Wimbledon 2016. The men's wheelchair singles final. Sue Barker presents coverage of the inaugural staging of this final at the All England Club, as the final day of the Grand Slam commences. 12.30 Coast. (R) 1.00 Film: Pollyanna. (1960) An orphaned girl tries to spread cheer among the miserable inhabitants of a New England town. Family drama based on Eleanor H. Porter's novel, starring Hayley Mills and Jane Wyman. 3.10 Flot It! (R) 3.55 Tribute to a Queen - The Big Sing. (R) 4.35 Giraffes: Africa's Gentle Giants - Natural World. (R) 5.35 Wimbledon 2016. Sue Barker introduces live coverage of the mixed doubles final, the last action of this year's event at the All England Club.
8.00 Film: The Year. (2011) An aspiring journalist returns to her Mississippi home in the 1960s and begins documenting the lives of black servants working for wealthy white families. Her project brings the community's household staff together, but creates controversy among their employers. Drama based on Kathryn Stockett's novel, starring Emma Stone, Viola Davis, Bryce Dallas Howard and an Oscar-winning Octavia Spencer.
10.20 Mock the Week. Topical comedy quiz show, hosted by Dara O Briain. (R)
10.50 Today at Wimbledon. Clare Balding and guests look back at highlights of the men's singles final at the All England Club, where the third Grand Slam title of the year was set to be decided. Plus, a look at the rest of the day's finals, as the famous tournament was brought to a conclusion.
11.50 Golf: Scottish Open. Highlights of the fourth and final day from Castle Stuart Golf Club in Inverness, where the successor to last year's winner Rickie Fowler was crowned.
12.50 Sign Zone: Countryfile. John Craven explores Pembrokeshire's boating heritage, while Helen Skelton makes a meal out of foraged seaweed and meets the people who made an eco house from local materials. (R) 1.50 Holby City. Part two of two. (R) 2.45 This is BBC Two. Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC Two.**

ITV

**6.00 CITV: The Aquabats! Super Show! 6.20 Pat & Stan. (R) 6.30 Dino Dan. (R) 6.45 Dino Dan. (R) 6.55 Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) 7.00 Sooty. (R) 7.15 Super 4. (R) 7.30 Oddbods. (R) 7.35 Thunderbirds Are Go. (R) 8.00 Teen Titans Go! (R) 8.25 ITV News. 8.30 Weekend. 9.25 Countrywise. (R) 10.00 Peston on Sunday. 10.55 Judge Rinder. (R) 11.55 ITV News: Weather. 12.00 Rebound. (R) 1.00 The Chase. (R) 2.00 Love Your Garden. (R) 3.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Masterpiece with Alan Titchmarsh. (R)
6.00 Regional Programme: Weather. 6.15 ITV News: Weather.
6.30 You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, featuring everything from grumpy grandmas, cute kids and crazy animals to below-the-belt mishaps, practical jokers and painful-looking accidents. (R)
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10.45 ITV News: Weather. 11.00 Sports Life Stories. Sports stars are invited to look back over their lives and achievements. (R)
12.00 Peston on Sunday. Political magazine, presented by Robert Peston, with ITV News National Editor Allegra Stratton. (R) 12.50 Jackpot247. Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team. 3.00 Motorsport UK. Highlights from Oulton Park. 3.50 ITV Nightscreen. Text-based information service. 5.05 The Jeremy Kyle Show. The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)**

CHANNEL 4

**6.15 Salvage SOS. 6.40 Salvage SOS. 7.05 The King of Queens. (R) 7.30 The King of Queens. (R) 8.00 Frasier. (R) 8.30 Frasier. (R) 9.00 Sunday Brunch. 12.00 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Live. Coverage of the 10th round of the season (Start-time 1.00pm). 4.00 Location, Location, Location. (R) 5.00 A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.
6.00 Channel 4 News. 6.30 Paul O'Grady's 100 Years of Movie Musicals. Paul explores the history of the genre, from its roots in the early 20th century, through its golden era, and up to the multimillion-dollar industry it has become. Featuring contributions from James Corden, Michael Ball, Michael York, Joel Grey, Sheila Hancock, Benny Andersson and Scott Baio, and the directors and stars of Les Misérables discuss singing the whole score live on set.
8.00 Film: Les Misérables. (2012) A former prisoner tries to lead an honest life in post-revolutionary France, despite being pursued everywhere by a fanatical police inspector. He promises a poverty-stricken factory worker that he will raise his child, a relationship that gives his life new meaning, but both of them are drawn into an uprising against the reinstated monarchy. Musical, starring Hugh Jackman.
11.05 Formula 1: British Grand Prix Highlights. Steve Jones presents action from the 10th round of the season at Silverstone, where Lewis Hamilton was looking to win this race for the fourth time in his career.
12.10 Film: The Quiet Ones. (2014) A scientist performs experiments on a woman in the hope of manifesting a poltergeist, but the horror he unleashes proves deadly. Horror, starring Jared Harris and Sam Claflin. 1.55 Dogs: Their Secret Lives. Mark Evans observes three pets exhibiting unusual behaviour to find out what could be at the root of their problems and how to help them. (R) 2.50 Rescue Dog to Super Dog. The team helps to find disability helper dogs for Manchester-based Paula, who has a faulty immune system, and second year student Ellie with cerebral palsy. (R) 3.45 Posh Pawsbrokers. In Sheffield, Dan goes to look at a boat with a £90,000 price tag. (R) 4.40 French Collection. Three collectors visit a market in Arles in Provence. (R)**

CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) 6.15 Angelina Ballerina. (R) 6.30 Bob the Builder. (R) 6.40 Wanda and the Alien. (R) 6.50 Zack and Quack. (R) 7.05 Pets. (R) 7.10 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.20 Paw Patrol. (R) 7.35 Little Princess. (R) 7.45 Pip Ahoy! (R) 8.05 Blaze and the Monster Machines. (R) 8.30 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) 8.45 Shimmer and Shine. (R) 9.15 Jelly Jam. (R) 9.30 Lazy Town. (R) 9.55 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) 10.30 Access. (R) 10.35 Funniest Fails, Fails & Flops. (R) 11.05 Rookies & Raids: A Police Interceptors Special. (R) 12.00 Police Interceptors: Deadly Pursuits. (R) 1.00 The Dog Rescuers with Alan Davies. (R) 2.00 Hello Kitty: When Cats Go Bad. (R) 3.00 Puppies: Make You Laugh Out Loud. (R) 4.00 The Secret Life of Puppies. (R) 5.00 The Secret Life of Puppies. (R)
6.00 5 News Weekend. 6.05 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. Agents Paul and Steve face a moral dilemma in south London, when they find out the tenant they have been instructed to evict is on his way to a funeral. Elsewhere, Stewart and Victor chase £1,000 from a debtor who has defaulted on his payment plan, but they are subjected to abuse and the police are called to a driveway standoff. Plus, two agents try to recover £1,600 worth of goods from the owner of an entertainment company after a wedding day dispute, and in west London, a landlady is owed £9,000 in rent arrears by a young mother. (R)
7.00 Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away. In East London, High Court Enforcement Agents Paul and Phil are involved in a brotherly eviction, while in south Wales, Stewart and Elmore chase a debt owed by a working mum. Another case sees Stewart and Victor hunting down a £3,000 debt owed by a Liverpool takeaway for rent arrears. (R)
8.00 Cats Make You Laugh Out Loud 3. Compilation of internet videos featuring cats doing bizarre things.
8.55 5 News Weekend. 9.00 Big Brother. Daily round-up of highlights.
10.00 Most Shocking Reality Moments. A celebration of the nation's long-running love affair with reality TV. (R)
12.50 Lip Sync Battle. (R) 1.15 SuperCasino. 3.10 The Blair Rich Project. (R) 4.00 Now That's Funny! (R)**

DIGITAL

BBC Four
7.00 Film: The Water Babies (1978) **8.30 The Sky at Night 9.00 T in the Park 2016**
12.00 American Nomads 1.30 Horizon: The Truth About Exercise 2.30 Immortal? A Horizon Guide to Ageing 3.30 Close
ITV2
12.20 Take Me Out 1.30 Love Island 2.00 Film: Kindergarten Cop (1990) **3.00 FYI Daily 3.05 Film: Kindergarten Cop** (1990)
4.15 Film: Back to the Future Part III (1990) **5.15 FYI Daily 5.20 Film: Back to the Future Part III** (1990) **6.35 Film: You've Got Mail** (1998) **7.35 FYI Daily 7.40 Film: You've Got Mail** (1998) **9.00 Love Island 10.00 Family Guy 11.30 American Dad! 12.30 The Cleveland Show 1.30 Safeword 2.10 Teleshopping 5.40 ITV2 Nightscreen**
ITV3
2.55 Film: George and Mildred: The Movie (1980) **3.55 FYI Daily 4.00 Film: George and Mildred: The Movie** (1980) **4.50 Wycliffe 5.55 Sunday Night at the Palladium 7.00 Agatha Christie's Marple 9.00 The Blechley Circle 10.00 Lewis 12.00 Wire in the Blood 2.00 A Touch of Frost 3.40 May the Best Woman Win 5.20 On the Buses 5.45 ITV3 Nightscreen**
ITV4
12.00 Tour de France Highlights 1.00 Tour de France Live. Coverage of stage nine of this year's race. **5.00 Storage Wars 6.00 The Wine Show 7.00 Tour de France Highlights 8.00 River Monsters 9.05 Film: Last Man Standing** (1996) **10.05 FYI Daily 10.10 Film: Last Man Standing** (1996) **11.15 Film: Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning** (2012) **12.15 FYI Daily 12.20 Film: Universal Soldier: Day of Reckoning** (2012) **1.30 Tour de France Highlights 2.20 Nitro Circus 2.45 ITV4 Nightscreen 3.00 Teleshopping**
E4
11.00 Film: Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (2009) **2.15 Rude (ish) Tube Shorts 2.30 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 Film: X-Men** (2000) **10.05 Rich Kids of Instagram 11.00 River Monsters 12.05 Rude Tube 1.10 Tatoo Fixers 2.10 2 Broke Girls 2.50 The New Normal 3.10 Hollywoods**
Film4
11.00 Dragonball Evolution (2009) **1.00 The Parent Trap** (1961) **3.35 Earthquake** (1974) **6.10 Seven Years in Tibet** (1997) **9.00 Red** (2010) A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt, and reunites his old life squad to find out who wants them dead. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman. **11.15 Kick-Ass 2** (2013) **1.20 Wild Bill** (2011) **3.30 Close**

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FILM CHOICES

MONDAY

Lost Letter Mysteries: The Impossible Dream, Channel 5, 3.15pm
The team of postal detectives works against the clock to decode a letter that could hold the key to saving the life of a US military medic in Afghanistan who is being held as a prisoner of war. Meanwhile, Rita competes in the Miss Special Delivery contest. Mystery drama, starring Eric Mabius, Kristin Booth and Crystal Lowe. (2015)

WEDNESDAY

Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps, Channel 4, 1.35am
Ruthless stockbroker Gordon Gekko is released from prison after eight years, reinventing himself as an author and lecturer warning against the dangers of the financial system. Gekko helps a young banker get revenge on the company that drove his mentor to suicide, but as always, has a crooked agenda of his own. Oliver Stone's sequel to his 1980s drama, with Michael Douglas, Shia LaBeouf and Carey Mulligan. (2010)



Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, Friday, BBC1, 11.35pm

THURSDAY

Columbo: Fade in to Murder, ITV, 11.10pm
An actor who plays a detective on a soap opera is being blackmailed by his ex-lover, who is also his producer. Convinced that playing a sleuth makes him clever enough to get away with murder, he kills her and frames her husband – but has reckoned without the intervention of the crumpled cop. Crime drama, with Peter Falk, William Shatner, Lola Albright, Alan Manson and Walter Koenig. (1976)

FRIDAY

Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy, BBC1, 11.35pm
The chauvinistic host of a top-rated American news programme in 1970s San Diego fights for his status and job security when both are threatened by the arrival of an ambitious female reporter, whose determination to become a newsreader leads to a bitter battle of the sexes. Comedy, starring Will Ferrell, Christina Applegate, Fred Willard, Steve Carell, Paul Rudd, David Koechner, Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller. (2004)

A new set of youngsters put themselves to the test

Three of TV's hardest quiz shows – Only Connect, University Challenge and Mastermind – all return to BBC Two this week, ready to challenge viewers' intellects and make some of us feel a little bit dim. (Although at least with Mastermind we can reassure ourselves that it's nearly impossible to do well on someone else's specialist subject).

However, the show most likely to leave viewers feeling somewhat inadequate is arguably Child Genius, which is back for a fourth series on Channel 4.

For newcomers, the programme follows some of the country's cleverest eight to 12-year-olds as they battle it out to be crowned Britain's brightest child in the now annual competition, which is organised in association with British Mensa.

It's not just about the questions. The series also follows the kids and their families, offering an insight into what it's like to be a gifted youngster and the different ways their parents have of dealing with the challenges

involved. It also gives viewers an opportunity to weigh up the age-old nature versus nurture debate, as they ask themselves whether the kids were just born bright, or if their intellectual ability is at least partly down to parental encouragement.

However, what we do see of the competition can be tough, and in this first episode, the contestants will be facing the very demanding maths and memory rounds.

So perhaps it's reassuring that this year the questions will be asked by someone with a track record for putting nervous contestants at ease – Pointless co-host Richard Osman. Although sadly on this show, no one can simply answer 'Central African Republic' and hope for the best.

Osman is certainly a fan of the programme, saying: "I jumped at the chance to get involved with Child Genius. The previous series have been so warm and charming, and such a celebration of bright and funny kids.

"I know I would have taken part in the show if it had been around when

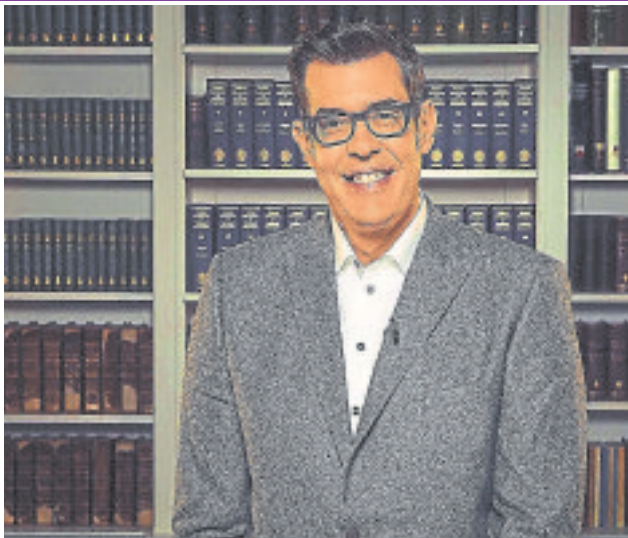
I was young. I would have lost very badly though."

Hopefully, this year's class of Child Geniuses are feeling more confident. The chances are that 12-year-old Mog is up for the challenge, as he put himself forward in the hopes of proving that you don't need a pushy parent behind you to win.

Some of the families featured are taking a slightly more hands-on approach though, including Simon from Essex, who has spent the past three years preparing his 11-year-old son Christopher for the show. Their training has included analysing every previous episode to find potential winning strategies.

Meanwhile, Hayley should also be well prepared – her eldest child Curtis took part two years ago, and now she's back with her 11-year-old daughter Sophia.

And we also get to meet Max, whose mum Fanny is hoping that the process will encourage him to embrace his intellect. But given that the youngster has ADHD, how will he respond to the competition?



Richard Osman features, Child Genius, Tuesday, Channel 4, 8pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY

Only Connect BBC2, 8.30pm
New series. Victoria Coren Mitchell returns with the quiz show as another batch of teams of three use patience, lateral thinking and sheer inspiration to make connections between four things that may appear at first not to be linked, hoping to succeed reigning champions the String Section. In the opening edition of the 12th series, London Underground enthusiasts the Tubers take on Shakespeare lovers the Bardophiles, with one set of clues consisting of Brownies, Michael Fagan, Freddie Krueger and Milk Tray Man.

Exodus: Our Journey to Europe BBC2, 9pm

We've all seen the upsetting footage of people desperately trying to make the hazardous journey from their war-torn homelands to the relative safety of Europe as they attempt to escape danger and persecution. As distressing as this footage is, brief glimpses during news reports don't really paint a true picture of the horrors these reluctant travellers have faced, and that's where this documentary comes in. It charts the efforts of those involved via cameras handed to migrants during their journeys, which allowed them to capture the most perilous moments

they faced. The result is a unique and extremely personal insight into the reality of being forced to flee your home and fearing for your life and those of your loved ones while facing an uncertain future.

TUESDAY

Love Your Garden ITV, 8pm
Alan Titchmarsh and his team visit Canterbury to help Gurkha Hari Budha Magar, who lost the use of both his legs in Afghanistan in an IED incident. Though Hari thinks nothing of going out of his way to help others, most recently helping pensioners whose homes were hit by the floods in Cumbria, his own garden is a challenge he has to yet to overcome. So the team transform his overlooked plot into a colourful private sanctuary that nods to his Nepalese homeland, and there is a surprise appearance by Joanna Lumley.

WEDNESDAY Long Lost Family ITV, 9pm

New series. Two adopted people born on opposite sides of the world search for their birth mothers in Singapore, and the team makes

a discovery that nobody could have predicted. Meanwhile, 29-year-old paediatric nurse Anna London-Truckle is desperate to reconnect with her birth mother, who made the ultimate sacrifice to give her daughter a better chance at life. Anna was adopted by a British couple at the age of two, but with no memories of her beginnings, she now feels disconnected from her roots in Riobamba, Ecuador.

THURSDAY Golf: The Open Championship BBC2, 8pm

Hazel Irvine presents the best action from the opening day of the 145th staging of the Major, which is being held at Royal Troon in South Ayrshire. Eight Open Championships have been held at Troon, but it's been 12 years since Todd Hamilton shocked the golfing world with his win at the 2004 tournament. The

iconic eighth hole, 'the Postage Stamp' is one of the shortest par threes in professional golf and will attract plenty of attention. However, at more than 7,200 yards there's enough length to test the world's best players. American Zach Johnson entered as the reigning champion, after he won the Claret Jug 12 months ago following a three-man play-off against Marc Leishman and Louis Oosthuizen at St Andrews. But the British challenge should be strong this year, particularly after Danny Willett joined the major winners' club with a cool-headed Masters win.

FRIDAY

BBC Proms 2016 BBC2, 7.30pm
New series. Part one. From London's Royal Albert Hall, Katie Derham introduces the first night of the annual music festival. Proceedings begin with Tchaikovsky's Fantasy Overture to Romeo and Juliet, the first in a series of musical works during the season marking 400 years since the death of Shakespeare. Argentine cellist Sol Gabetta then makes her Proms debut in Elgar's haunting Cello Concerto, the first of 10 concertos for the instrument to be performed over the next few weeks. Sakari Oramo conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra. Coverage continues on BBC Four.



Long Lost Family, Wednesday, ITV, 9pm

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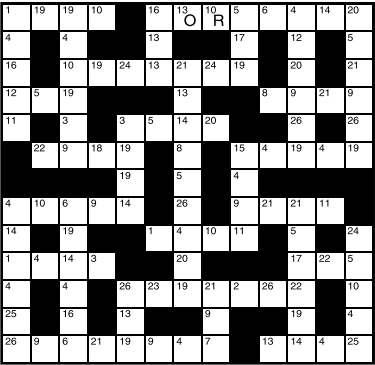
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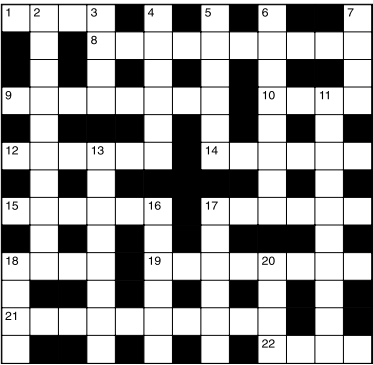
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

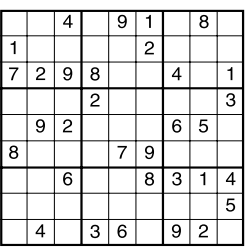
- Cryptic Clues:**
- Across**
- 1. Yet an organ won't go without it! (4)
 - 8. Honest, as the chairman of the directors should be (5,5)
 - 9. A father, for example, in better surroundings (8)
 - 10. Travel permit for six to S. Africa, initially (4)
 - 12. Quake in the centre, more or less (6)
 - 14. Manage to show the way (6)
 - 15. This system worked in medieval times (6)
 - 17. Yet they may be men on board! (6)
 - 18. It's a wine that's coming back (4)
 - 19. Light wit, perhaps, but slightly illuminating (8)
 - 21. Side line for the artist? (10)
 - 22. Forced to be a servant, we hear (4)
- Down**
- 2. Do as you're told and become a priest (4,6)
 - 3. The head cook may make it (4)
 - 4. Toiler disposed to belie his nature (6)
 - 5. Dreaded being deafer, perhaps (6)
 - 6. Study poetry, so to speak (8)
 - 7. Not quite perfect thought (4)
 - 11. It's used on watch (6-4)
 - 13. An every-day conclusion (8)
 - 16. Admit - or just the opposite! (3,3)
 - 17. Leaves about fifty counterpanes (6)
 - 18. It's found in tribal songs, too (4)
 - 20. A particular piece of white marble (4)



Quick Clues:

- Across**
- 1. Way (4)
 - 8. Bizarre (10)
 - 9. Estrange (8)
 - 10. Dry (4)
 - 12. Unfruitful (6)
 - 14. Furrow (6)
 - 15. Disappear (6)
 - 17. To here (6)
 - 18. Inform (4)
 - 19. Sleep-producing (8)
 - 21. Agree (10)
 - 22. Pace (4)
- Down**
- 2. Merge (10)
 - 3. Stockings (4)
 - 4. Filter (6)
 - 5. Obvious (6)
 - 6. Lying near (8)
 - 7. Cast off (4)
 - 11. Unbelievable (10)
 - 13. Banter (8)
 - 16. Upright (6)
 - 17. Tear (6)
 - 18. Change of course (4)
 - 20. Probability (4)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Aware; 8 Calicos; 9 Tripoli; 10 Ruler; 12 Rhinoceros; 15 Perversity; 18 Repeal; 19 Pro rata; 21 Press on; 22 Logic. Down: 1 Waste paper; 2 Tact; 3 Memo; 4 Action; 5 Short cut; 6 Rollers; 11 Resistance; 13 Headless; 14 Prophet; 16 Supine; 17 Flange; 20 Oils. QUICK - Across: 7 Over; 8 Elector; 9 Precade; 10 Agile; 12 Settlement; 15 Exasperate; 18 Tango; 19 Curator; 21 Austere; 22 Picks. Down: 1 Complacent; 2 Deter; 3 Style; 4 Recant; 5 Decadent; 6 Strikes; 11 Enterprise; 13 Employed; 14 Earnest; 16 Racket; 17 Stick; 20 Rapt.

Thinking space



Quiz

- 1. Which group of minerals form the chief constituents of igneous rock?
- 2. Which heartthrob went from EastEnders to a starring role in Heartbeat?
- 3. Of what name has Britain had two kings and France ten?
- 4. In which country were the first Commonwealth Games held in 1930?
- 5. In which country was the Cultural Revolution of 1966-76?
- 6. In which game may a player use the words j'adobe?
- 7. In the 1990s, which Republic of Ireland footballer joined Liverpool as the country's most expensive defender?
- 8. With what is philology concerned?
- 9. Who wrote the opera Castor et Pollux in 1737?
- 10. In which sport are Doggett's Coat and Badge awarded?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 John Paul Getty II; 2 Halibut; 3 Spain; 4 Nigel Hawthorne; 5 Dublin; 6 Carlos The Jackal; 7 Salicylic acid; 8 K2; 9 Colin Maclnnes; 10 Erik 'The Red'.

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Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

528 gives a sign of the Zodiac,
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81789 gives a constellation.

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I jest of course. That was my drink of choice at the Royal Oak, in Rushall, a former pub which has a new lease of life as an Indian restaurant.

Zahirul Islam pulls the strings in the tight-knit family-run operation, which also features two of his brothers and a cousin. He jokes that he is known as Zack to customers, friends and even his close family, simply because people struggled to spell, or even pronounce his name.

And that in itself gives an indication of the staff's attitude. They are a jocular crew, so it's easy to strike up a rapport with them.

We visited during Holy month, so while

Mark Shipp tucks in

the staff were on a fast, the delivery of our food was speedy. Usually the chef would test the ingredients before serving up, but, being Ramadan, could not. Instead, he had to use all his expertise to know exactly the right blend for our meals. It worked a treat.

For the record, I tried the machli tikka, pink salmon, served with coconut rice. The other half took her choice from the signature dishes and opted for the Manchurian chicken – which sounds like something Noel Gallagher would choose – served with mushroom rice.

Other exotic-sounding options from the same range include lamb pelli pelli, mustard fish and jinga delight, but there's an extensive menu, from a Royal mixed grill in the grilled section, to the more traditional choices or biryani dishes. Vegetarians are

catered for with the likes of paneer birbali, while omelette and chips and tarragon chicken feature among the English dishes.

The Royal Oak serves up a wider range of drinks than one would usually find at a licensed Indian restaurant, hence my choice of Mongoose. Both agreed our meals were delicious, and I was served a trout as an extra. Something fishy there, methinks.

Essence

But that was not our only treat. Desserts followed, by which time our hosts could end their fast, so they offered us a serving of the platter they were to enjoy. It was too much, especially after pudding, but it needed no second invitation as they kindly packed it up so we could enjoy it the next day.

Zack has tried to keep the essence of the building since taking on the former pub just six months ago. It had been a popular

establishment in its day and he was keen to bring it back into use. It's welcoming and adequately decorated and ambience lit.

It has a separate room where customers can go just for a drink, or wait for a table in the restaurant itself. The main dining areas cater for up to 100 diners with an emphasis on families, though bigger parties and corporate events can be accommodated, too.

Our own position was in a prime location, in the far corner, looking out on adjacent field, watching people tend the horses or take them off for rides. Zack himself has taken the reins in his own field – and looks to be on a winner.

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The return of the annual Rail Ale Trail, back for its SIXTH consecutive year as it has steadily improved year-upon-year getting bigger and better than the very first event back in 2010.

Both Ale and Rail lovers alike can converge on the railway as we steam ahead with the Rail Ale Trail Beer festival, connecting with local pubs in the area.

A joint effort with North Staffordshire's very own TITANIC BREWERY the Rail Ale Trail offers over 100 real ales and 30 plus ciders served between the bars at each of our stations, on-board our trains and at the local pubs who will be joining in with this event.

The event gets underway on Friday 8th July, with the main bar at Kingsley & Froghall station opening at 12 noon until 11 pm.

At 3.35 pm a diesel service will begin operation from Cheddleton, to connect with the main bar, and running until late in the evening.

Live acoustic music will be on offer at Froghall throughout the evening adding to the event.

Admission to Froghall station bar is free, but a valid train ticket will be required to journey along the Churnet Valley Railway.

Fares (only applies to Friday) : £6 per person - no concessions - no advance booking.

Pay at the booking office on the day.



Well presented detached has had improvements

A very well presented detached family home, 6 Thurlstone Road, Bloxwich lies in a highly desirable area just off Stafford Road.

Having recently undergone many improvements inside, it is for sale through Goodchilds at £220,000 with no chain.

The property also has a block paved driveway, a garage and an attractive rear garden.

In more detail, the block paved driveway is flanked by a mature front garden with a path leading to the recently fitted garage door and entrance hall.

The entrance door opens to the entrance hallway which has a guest WC off.

The lounge has a double glazed window to the front, stairs off to the first floor landing, a feature fireplace and an opening to the dining room.

The dining room has patio doors leading out to the rear garden, as well as an opening to the kitchen.

The kitchen is fitted with a range of matching wall and base units and an integrated oven.

It has space for further appliances and a door leading to the patio area.

Off the first floor landing is an access to the loft and an airing cupboard.

Bedroom one has a double glazed bay window overlooking the frontage of the property.

Bedroom two is a double bedroom which has a double glazed window to the rear.

Bedroom three is a further double bedroom, again having a double glazed window to the rear.

A spacious room, the bathroom has a vanity sink unit, a panel bath, a double shower cubicle, a low flush WC and an obscure double glazed window.

Outside, the garage has an up and over door.

The rear garden has a paved patio area, mature borders, fenced boundaries and a gated side access.

BLOXWICH £220,000



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Highly desirable area

Cul-de-sac position

No chain



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Grade II listed Georgian town house has lots of fine features

WALSALL
£350,000

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Viewing of this splendidly appointed and well maintained Grade II Listed Georgian town house in Doveridge Place, Walsall is essential in order to appreciate its many features.

Having undergone a sensitive modernisation and improvement by the current owners, it is for sale through Edwards Moore at £350,000.

In a secluded, private location, the excellent sized accommodation which has many original features with gas fired central heating includes a reception hall, cellar, sitting room, lounge, kitchen with an Aga, a large utility, extended dining room, shower room, two first floor bedrooms (one en-suite), a main bathroom, two second floor bedrooms, off road parking to the rear and delightful mature fore garden.

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NEW



High Street, Clayhanger Walsall

- New build end town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, kitchen/Diner
- 2 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking and rear garden.
- SORRY NO DSS, PETS OR SMOKERS
- £180 reference fee applies

£650

Energy Rating - D

50% Shared Ownership

Thornbridge Grove, Walsall Wood Walsall

- End terraced bungalow. Over 55's 50% share.
- Gas centrally heated. PVCu double glazed.
- Lounge/Diner. fitted kitchen
- 2 bedrooms
- Shower Room/WC
- Car Port
- Parking
- private rear garden.
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£94,950

Energy Rating - D



Moncrieffe Street, Chuckery Walsall

- Victorian end terrace house
- Gas centrally heated and PVCu double glazed
- Two reception rooms,
- Breakfast kitchen
- Downstairs WC,
- Two good sized bedrooms, Shower Room/WC
- Rear garden
- No Onward Chain

£97,000

Energy Rating - D



Priestley Road, Beechdale Walsall

- Mid town house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, Kitchen, Utility
- 3 bedrooms, shower room, WC
- Parking
- Gardens
- No Onward Chain

£100,000

Energy Rating - D



Bloxwich Lane, Beechdale Walsall

- Mid town house
- Gas centrally heated
- Double glazed
- Lounge, dining room, kitchen
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom/WC
- Low Maintenance Gardens
- No Onward Chain

£100,000

Energy Rating - D

NEW



Alumwell Road Walsall

- Semi detached house
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining kitchen
- Guests cloak/WC, conservatory
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking space, gardens
- NO ONWARD CHAIN

£125,000

Energy Rating - D



Maple Drive, Yew Tree Estate Walsall

- In need of complete refurbishment
- Great potential for extension
- Semi detached house
- PVCu double glazed
- Lounge, dining Room, kitchen, utility
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom/WC
- Parking space
- Gardens

£125,000

Energy Rating - D



Broad Lane Essington

- End terraced House
- Gas centrally heated
- PVCu double glazed (where specified)
- Two reception rooms
- Two double bedrooms
- First floor bathroom
- Breakfast kitchen
- Detached garage

£132,500

Energy Rating - D



Lichfield Road Bloxwich

- Modern Detached Family Home
- 3 Floors
- Gas Central Heating, PVCu Double Glazing
- Guest Cloaks/WC, Lounge
- Re-Fitted Kitchen/Family Room
- Dining Room, 4 Bedrooms
- 2 En-suites, Family Bathroom
- Integral Garage, Large Rear Gardens

£280,000

Energy Rating - D

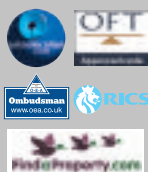


Appleby Gardens Essington

- Modern Detached Family Home
- Lounge, Dining Room, Study,
- Large Conservatory, Utility Area, 4 Bedrooms (Master with en-suite),
- Family Bathroom, Double Garage
- Driveway
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- Open Views To The Side
- No Onward Chain

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4 Bedroom modern detached house in excellent condition within a short distance of Tottenhall village, entrance hallway, downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, modern breakfast kitchen with integral appliances, conservatory, modern bathroom, driveway, car-port and garage, front and rear gardens, double glazing and central heating, call Paul Dubberley 01902 633323 to view. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £300,000

Fordbrook Lane
Walsall



An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home In The Popular Location of Peisall. Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Side Utility, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom And Single Garage. The Property Also Further Benefits From Large Driveway To Fore And Pleasant Rear Garden. EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £170,000

Cedar Road
Willenhall



TWO BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED BUNGALOW IN NEED OF MODERNISATION. Benefiting From Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating, The Property Comprises Of: Porch, Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms And Family Bathroom. The Property Further Benefits From Driveway, Detached Single Garage And

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Noose Lane
Willenhall



NO CHAIN Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home Porch, Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Three Bedrooms And Family Shower Room. The Property Further Benefits From Single Garage, Front Driveway, Mature Large Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Hawkswell Drive
Willenhall



STAR BUY Well Presented Two Bedroom Family Home, Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, 30ft Conservatory To The Side, Two Bedrooms And Family Shower Room. The Property Also Benefits From Driveway, And Large Secluded Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000

Stroud Avenue
Willenhall



GREAT SIZE NO CHAIN Two Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms And Modern Family Shower Room. The Bungalow Further Benefits From Front And Rear Gardens, Driveway And Single Garage.

OFFERS AROUND: £110,000

Poplar Avenue
Walsall



Paul Dubberley are pleased to present this three bedroom semi detached residence situated in an excellent location, within close proximity to local SCHOOLS & AMENITIES whilst benefiting from rear and side garden.

The property further comprises of a through lounge, kitchen, three bedrooms and first floor Shower Room. Viewing essential to appreciate this family home. Call 01902 633 323 for your viewing today!

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000

Stowheath Lane
Wolverhampton



Well Presented Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Home With Double Glazing And Gas Central Heating. Briefly Comprising Of: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Downstairs Bathroom, Two Bedrooms And Enclosed Rear Garden. VIEWINGS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED! NO CHAIN! EPC - D

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000

Rudge Avenue
Wolverhampton



CASH OFFERS ONLY Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home. Through Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, Side Veranda, Three Bedrooms, Family Shower Room And W.C. The Property Further Benefits From Enclosed Private Rear Gardens And Off Road Parking To Front.

Viewings Essential To Appreciate This Property!
OFFERS AROUND: £75,000

PUBLIC NOTICE



Gomer Street
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Dilloways Lane
Willenhall



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OFFERS AROUND: £78,000

Cunningham Road
Walsall



NO CHAIN! SOLAR PANELS NEW UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING Three bedroom semi detached comprises of a through lounge, kitchen, refitted utility room and first floor bathroom. Viewing essential to appreciate this family home. Call 01902 633 323 for your viewing today!

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Johnson Road
Wednesbury



AN IMPROVED & GENEROUSLY EXTENDED (over two floors) END TERRACE HOME OCCUPYING A CORNER PLOT WITH PARKING FOR SEVERAL VEHICLES. Accommodation includes three good size bedrooms, large lounge incorporating dining area, modern kitchen, first floor family bathroom, enclosed gardens & garage in block. MUST BE VIEWED FOR FULL APPRECIATION! EPC - E

OFFERS AROUND: £125,000

Weston Drive
Bilston



A modern two bedroom 2nd floor apartment, Offering a good standard of accommodation throughout and internal viewing comes highly recommended. Briefly comprising of Lounge, Modern fitted kitchen, Two good size bedrooms, Electric Heating and Allocated parking. Application fees apply to this property please call for further details.

£495

Hilton Road
Wolverhampton



Well Presented & Spacious First Floor Flat in a popular location close to local amenities and transport links. UPVC Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating briefly comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen with appliances, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower & Enclosed Private Rear Garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £525

Fraser Street
Bilston



3 bedroom terraced property, modern kitchen and modern bathroom with a P-shaped bath and thermostatic shower, 2 reception rooms, double glazing and central heating, garden to rear, call now 01902 494966 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £85,000

Castleview Road
Bilston



SSTC - Properties urgently required in the area! The property which is in need of refurbishment briefly comprises, 3 bedroom semi detached house, entrance porch and hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen, shower room, double glazing, front and rear gardens, no upward chain. 01902 494966.

OFFERS AROUND: £80,000

Ambleside Close
Bilston



HOME SWEET HOME! Lovely 2 bedroom end of terraced modern property, lounge, modern kitchen/diner, conservatory, modern bathroom, double glazing and electric heating (where specified) driveway and front garden, good size rear garden with decked patio area, call Paul Dubberley to view 01902 494966.

OFFERS AROUND: £95,000

St Chads Road
Bilston



No upward chain on this 2 bedroom detached bungalow, entrance porch and hallway, 2 bedrooms, lounge, kitchen/diner, shower room, central heating and double glazing (where specified) driveway providing off road parking and rear garden, call now to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £105,000

Bushbury Road
Wolverhampton



3 Bedroom end terraced house with no upward chain, has to be viewed to appreciate, 2 reception rooms, modern kitchen, modern bathroom, central heating and double glazing (where specified) parking and rear garden.

OFFERS AROUND: £90,000

Hinchliffe Avenue
Bilston



3 Bedroom Semi detached house, Driveway and Garage, Entrance Porch, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Central Heating and Double Glazing where specified, Rear Garden, No Upward Chain.

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000

Newbolt Road
Bilston



Middle Terrace Residence in a popular location within walking distance to town centre. UPVC Double Glazed & Gas Central Heating Briefly Comprising: Reception Hall, Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Guest Wc, Three Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom, Front & Rear Gardens.

OFFERS IN THE REGION OF £80,000

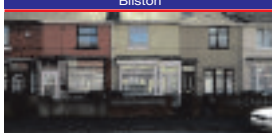
Steven Drive
Bilston



IDEAL FIRST PURCHASE OR INVESTMENT Modern 1 bedroom property, modern breakfast kitchen, lounge, modern bathroom, double glazed (where specified) cul-de-sac location, no upward chain, call now for details.

OFFERS AROUND: £79,950

Fraser Street
Bilston



THIS WON'T BE AROUND LONG Offers over & around 70,000 for this 2 bedroom terraced house, entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, double glazing and central heating (where specified) no upward chain, call now 01902 494966 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £70,000

Mount Pleasant
Bilston



THIS COULD BE YOU Great project or Family house or Multi let property...you decide!! 4 Bedrooms plus an office/nursery, bathroom, 3 reception rooms, downstairs wc, kitchen/diner, loads of potential, no upward chain, call 01902 494966 to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £120,000

Humphries Crescent
Bilston



A newly exclusive development of 3 detached bungalows, shared tarmac driveway leading to gravelled parking at front of bungalow, comprising entrance hall, en-suite to main bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, lounge, double glazing and central heating, driveway and gardens.

OFFERS AROUND: £165,000

Pace Crescent
Bilston



3 Bedroom end terraced house with no upward chain, block paved driveway, entrance lobby, lounge/diner, kitchen, side passageway, bathroom, rear garden, double glazing and central heating, call now to view.

OFFERS AROUND: £99,950

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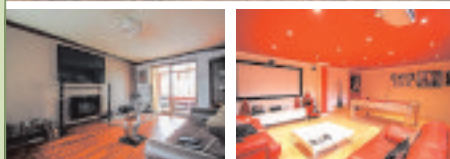
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£550,000



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- Dining Room
- Cinema/Entertainment Room
- Private Rear Garden
- Double Garage
- NO CHAIN

Offers in Excess of £350,000



Vernon Way, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- One Reception Room
- Fully Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Ample Off Road Parking

Offers in Excess of £179,000



Jesson Close, Walsall

- NO CHAIN
- SECURE GATED DEVELOPMENT
- DELIGHTFUL COMMUNAL GROUNDS
- SHARE OF THE FREEHOLD
- ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE
- GARAGE

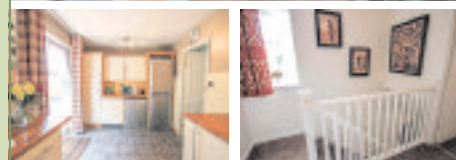
£135,000



Sanstone Road, Walsall

- NO CHAIN
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION
- SCOPE TO IMPROVE/EXTEND
- IN NEED OF SOME MODERNISATION
- GARAGE & OFF ROAD PARKING
- FRONT & REAR GARDENS
- THREE GENEROUS BEDROOMS
- GROUND FLOOR WC
- RECENTLY FITTED CH BOILER
- DOUBLE GLAZING

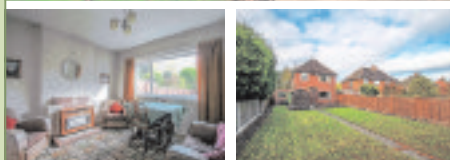
£230,000



Epping Close, Walsall

- Three Bedrooms
- Recently Fitted Bathroom
- Refitted Breakfast Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- Private Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- Cul-De-Sac Location
- Easy Access to Walsall Town Centre
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential!

£130,000



Wilkes Avenue, Bentley

- Traditional Detached Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Side Garage
- Driveway
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Close to King Charles Primary School
- Great Potential to Improve/Extend
- Located Close to M6 J10
- Viewing Essential!
- CASH BUYERS ONLY

Offers in Excess of £130,000



Rochester Croft, Reedswood

- No Chain
- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking
- Private Rear Garden
- Set in the Corner of a Cul-de-Sac
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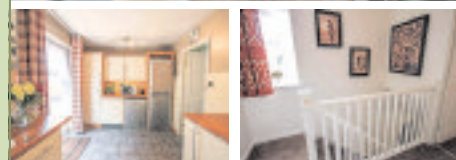
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Park Road, Bloxwich

- Contemporary Apartment Block
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- Spacious Second Floor Apartment
- Largest Apartment in Block

£115,000



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- Security Gated Entrance
- Second Floor Apartment
- Other Apartments Available

£107,500



Glastonbury Crescent, Bloxwich

- Three Bedrooms
- Ideal First Purchase
- Ideal Buy To Let
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating
- Generous Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

£99,950



Hollemeadow Avenue, Bloxwich

- Three Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs W.C.
- Family Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating

£100,000



Penderel Street, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Ideal First Time Purchase
- Suitable Buy-to-Let Investment
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating

Offers Over £100,000



Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Double Glazing & Gas Central Heating
- Popular Location
- Ideal First Purchase

£95,000

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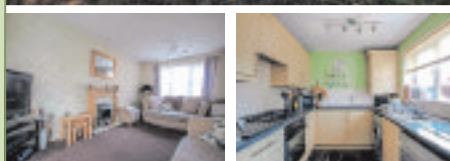
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Thurstone Road, Bloxwich

- Superb Detached Family Home
- No Upward Chain
- Rewired in 2008
- Attractive Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Spacious Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Separate Double Shower Cubicle

£220,000



Newhome Way, Bloxwich

- Superb Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite to Master
- Lounge
- Conservatory
- Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor WC
- Garage
- Generous Rear Garden

Offers in Excess of £170,000



Lord Street, Walsall

- No Upward Chain
- Queen Mary's & Blue Coat Schools Nearby
- Several Primary Schools locally
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Kitchen/Diner

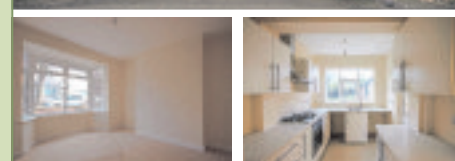
£165,000



Waters Keep, Walsall

- Light and Airy Lounge
- Spacious Kitchen / Diner
- Downstairs W.C
- Rear French Doors
- Three Spacious Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom

From £130,995



Harrison Street, Bloxwich

- Traditional Detached Property
- Fully Refurbished
- Off Road Parking
- Extended Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Refitted Bathroom
- Superb Rear Garden
- Close to Bloxwich High Street
- Sought After Location
- Viewing Essential!

Offers in the Region Of £165,000



Mackay Road, Walsall

- No Chain
- Well Regarded Location
- Porch
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Three Generous Bedrooms
- Delightful Rear Garden
- Some Modernisation Required

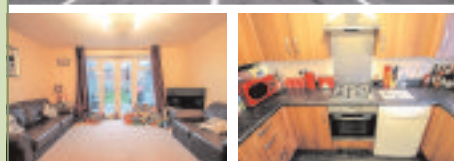
£110,000



Park Road, Bloxwich

- Contemporary Apartment Block
- Achieving £6600 A.R
- Private Secure Parking
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- Spacious Second Floor Apartment
- Largest Apartment in Block

£115,000



Water Reed Grove, Leamore

- Modern Town House
- Two Allocated Parking Spaces
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- Ground Floor WC
- Fitted Kitchen
- Spacious Lounge
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Easy Access to M6 J10
- Ideal First Purchase
- Remaining NHBC Warranty

£115,000



Field Road, Bloxwich

- No Chain
- Modernised Period Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms
- Refitted Bathroom & Kitchen
- Gas Central Heating (A-Rated Boiler)
- Double Glazing

Offers in Excess of £90,000



Remington Road, Beechdale

- Ideal Investment Opportunity
- No Chain
- Well Maintained Property
- Some Cosmetic Improvements Required
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Popular Location
- Excellent First Time Buy

£85,000



Marsh Street, Walsall

- Studio Apartment in Walsall Town Centre
- Separate Shower Room
- Fitted Kitchen
- Balcony with Canal Views
- Close to all amenities
- Available with Sitting Tenant
- Ideal First Purchase
- Sought After Location
- Great School Catchment Area
- Viewing Essential!

£79,950



Green Lane, Walsall

- No Chain
- Located Close to all Amenities
- 0.4 Miles from Walsall Train Station
- Communal Parking
- Communal Gardens
- Secure Intercom Entrance
- Lift to Upper Floors
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Balcony with Views Across Walsall Town
- Double Glazing

£63,000

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SUMMER HAYES FARBROOK WAY

- Spacious Extended Link Detached
- Prime Location
- Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen
- Impressive Large Conservatory



- Three Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Garage, Driveway
- Front And Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing

OFFERS OVER £190,000



SUMMER HAYES STIRLING CRESCENT

- Link Detached Bungalow
- Hall, Lounge
- Re-fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms



- Re-fitted Shower Room
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- Majority Double Glazing
- Driveway, Early Viewing Recommended

£180,000



WILLENHALL SOMERFORD PLACE

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- Highly Sought After Estate
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- Superb Re-fitted Dining Kitchen



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- Driveway, Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing

£165,000



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- Popular Location
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£170,000



WILLENHALL MONMER LANE

- Spacious 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace
- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Guests Wc, Sun Room
- Large Bathroom, Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating, Driveway, Gardens

£90,000



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- Greatly Improved End Terrace Property
- Hall, Lounge / Dining Room
- Impressive Re-fitted Kitchen
- Utility



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- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Front & Rear Gardens

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WILLENHALL HOWE CRESCENT

- Improved End Terrace
- Popular Location
- Hall
- Lounge



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- Two Good Size Bedrooms
- No Upward Chain
- Front And Rear Gardens

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- Modern Style Semi Detached In Popular
- Cul De Sac Location
- Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom



- Garage, Driveway
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- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing, No Upward Chain

£110,000 CASH OFFERS ONLY



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- Fitted Kitchen, Impressive Bathroom
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- Long Rear Gardens, Gas CH
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- Double Glazing
- No Upward Chain

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- Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen



- Ground Floor Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Long Rear Gardens

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- Spacious Ground Floor Flat
- Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen
- Bedroom, Bathroom
- Double Glazing



- Gas Central Heating System
- Communal Gardens
- Communal Parking
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS OVER £90,000



SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- AUCTION PROPERTY
- Period Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property
- Two Reception Rooms
- Extended Kitchen



- Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas CH
- Pleasant Rear Gardens

STARTING BID £75,000 PLUS FEES



WILLENHALL NEWLANDS CLOSE

- First Floor Two Bedrooms Maisonette
- Hall, Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom



- Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating System
- Garage
- No Upward Chain

OFFERS OVER £70,000

LOT
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Queslett Road Great Barr

12th July and 19th July at 11:45am



●Guide Price £79,000 PLUS

Mid terraced property situated in a popular residential area with the benefit of gas Central heating and double glazing ideal for an investor. Work required but good opportunity for buy to let or resale Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.3m x 3.5m, Dining Room, 2.9m x 2.8m, Kitchen 2.9m x 2.5m max First Floor Bedroom One 3.66m x 3.2m, Bedroom Two 3.4m x 3.2m, Bedroom Three 2.7m x 2.3m, Wet Room and Separate W.C. Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

LOT
TBC

Leamore Lane Walsall

9th July and 15th July 12:30pm



In need of modernisation this traditionally styled semi detached property is conveniently located and would make an ideal buy for an investor Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, 4.1m x 4m, Kitchen, 2.2m x 2.4m, Bathroom, W.C First Floor Bedroom One 5.2m x 3m max, Bedroom Two 3.4m x 2.4m, Bedroom Three 2.6m x 2.4m Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

●Guide Price £50,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

School Lane Pelsall

9th July and 15th July 11am



●Guide Price £72,000 PLUS

Conveniently located in a popular spot close to Pelsall village, purchasers are advised to check the Coal Mining Report. Ideal buy to let opportunity the property comprises Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 3.7m x 3.6m, Dining Room, 3.7m max x 3.6m, Kitchen, 2.6m x 1.8m, Lean to 2.2m x 2.1m, W.C First Floor Bedroom One 3.7m x 2.8m, Bedroom Two, 3.3m x 2.8m, Bedroom Three 2.8m x 2m Outside Fore garden, shared driveway. Rear gardens

LOT
TBC

Whitehorse Road Brownhills

9th July and 15th July 10:30am



●Guide Price £73,000 PLUS

A semi detached property situated just off the A5 in a popular location ideal for investor. With double glazing the property does require some improvements. Set back behind driveway the property comprises Ground Floor Reception Hall, Lounge 4.2m x 4.2m, Kitchen, 3.5m x 2.88m, Bathroom with access to W.C., Brick outbuilding First Floor Bedroom One 5.2m x 3.19m, Bedroom Two 4m x 2.5m, Bedroom Three 2.6m x 2.9m Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

LOT
TBC

Victoria Avenue Bloxwich

9th July and 15th July 12pm



In need of full modernisation and improvement this property requires cash offers and represents a challenge. Conveniently located close to Bloxwich town centre and comprises Ground Floor Lounge 5m x 4m, Kitchen 5m x 2.18m Range of out buildings/ lean to covering a large area of sum 5m x 6m First Floor Bed One 3m x 3.2m, Bedroom Two 3.4m x 2.4m, Bedroom Three 2.6m x 2.4m Outside Fore and rear gardens

●Guide Price £32,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Mulberry Road Bloxwich

9th July and 15th July 11:30am



●Guide Price £79,000 PLUS

This three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area a short walk from Bloxwich train station. Ground Floor Front door leads to Lounge (4.2m x 4m), Kitchen with access to garden (3.4m x 2.6m), Reception Room (3.3m x 2.6m), First Floor Bedroom One with window to front (3.3m x 3.2m), Bedroom Two (3.4m x 2.9m), Bedroom three (2.6m x 2.4m), Bathroom (1.9m x 1.5m) Outside Fore and Rear Gardens

LOT
TBC

Leigh Road Walsall

12th July and 19th July 11am



●Guide Price £139,000 PLUS

this three bedroom semi detached property is in need of modernisation. The property is located in a popular residential area and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to lounge with bay window to front (3.5m x 3.4m), Rear reception room (4.5m x 3.5m), Kitchen (3.6m x 2.8m), Garage (12m x 3.4m) First Floor Bedroom one with bay window to front (4.3m x 3.5m), Bedroom two (3.6m x 3.5m), Bedroom three (2.7m x 2.4m), Bathroom (2.2m x 1.8m)

LOT
TBC

Church Road Smethwick

By Appointment through the auctioneers



A traditionally styled mid terraced property with gas cheating and double glazing situated in a popular residential area making an ideal investment opportunity. The property comprises Ground Floor Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room 3.3 x 3.5, Lobby with access to Cellar Lounge, 4 x 3.5 Fitted Kitchen with Worcester gas combination boiler, rear Lobby to Bathroom with matching white suite First Floor Bedroom One (front), 4.75m x 3.5m, Bedroom Two (rear) 3.8m x 3.6m, Bedroom One (rear) 3.6m x 2.1m Outside Property is set back behind small fore garden and has a shared entry to. Rear yard and garden

●Guide Price £70,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Spinney Close Pelsall

12th July and 19th July 10am



●Guide Price £145,000 PLUS

This three bedroom detached property is in need of modernisation. It is situated in a popular residential area a short walk from a primary school and Pelsall Common. With all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front door leads to kitchen with window to front (3.9m x 2.4m), Dining Room (5.4m x 3.5m), Lounge with sliding doors which provide access to the rear garden and W.C which provides access to a double garage, First Floor Bedroom One with window to front (4.5m x 2.8m), Bedroom two with window to rear (4.2m x 2.8m), Bedroom Three with window to rear (4m x 3.2m), Shower Room (4m x 3.2m) Outside Fore Garden with Driveway and Rear Garden

LOT
TBC

Hednesford Road Brownhills

9th July and 15th July 10am



A two bedroom property situated in a convenient location close to all amenities including Brownhills centre along with M6 Toll and local schools. Offering mostly uPVC double glazing and gas fired central heating the property includes Ground Floor Lounge/Dining Room 8.48m x 3.66m, Lobby Area Guest W.C., Inner Hallway, Dining Kitchen 4.11m x 3.84m & 1.6m with range of wall and base units, gas hob, extractor and electric oven, Large Sitting Room 3.86m x 3.91m, First Floor Bedroom One 3.66m x 3.66m, Bedroom Two 3.76m x 2.51m, Re-fitted and part tiled Bathroom with matching white suite

●Guide Price £95,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Westminster Road Rushall

12th July and 19th July 10:30am



An extremely well maintained and attractively appointed detached bungalow offering spacious living accommodation and demanding internal inspection. Having gas central heating and Upvc double glazing the accommodation briefly includes: Accommodation Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge 4.21m x 3.31m, excellent Dining Kitchen, Bedroom One 3.96m x 3.32m, Bedroom Two 3.65m x 3.35m, Bedroom Three 3.36m x 3.31m, Bathroom 2.1m x 2.05m with Separate Shower Cubicle, Outside Private Rear Garden, Large Garage and wide Frontage with Plentiful Parking.

●Guide Price £150,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Oakhill Crescent Birmingham

By appointment through auctioneers



This three bedroom mid terraced property is situated in a popular residential area and is a short walk from Fox Hollies park. The property is in need of modernisation and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Lounge (4.2m x 3.6m), Kitchen (2.8m x 2.9m), Bathroom (2.8m x 1.4m) First Floor Bedroom one with window to front and en suite (3.8m x 3.3m), Bedroom two (3.8m x 2.6m), Bedroom three (2.9m x 2.5m)

●Guide Price £95,000 PLUS

LOT
TBC

Broad Meadow Walsall

12th July and 19th July 12:30pm



This two bedroom semi detached dorma bungalow is in need of modernisation. The property is situated in a popular residential area and with all amenities close at hand the property comprises: Ground Floor Front porch leads to Lounge (4.5m x 3.1m), Reception Room (3.3m x 2.7m), Kitchen (3.6m x 2.7m), First Floor Bedroom one with window to front (4.4m x 3m), Bedroom two (3.6m x 3.1m) Outside At the rear of the property there is a garden

●Guide Price £95,000 PLUS

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Tough and hardworker with plenty of comfort

By Ian Donaldson

IN the world of cars everyone's looking to smaller engines. Yes, you've guessed why; they use less fuel, or they ought to.

In the world of light commercial vehicles Volkswagen has decided to do things differently. Its latest Amarok pick-up, due here before the end of the year, has an engine half as big again as the unit in the truck you can buy today.

Out go the current 2.0 litre, four cylinder diesels, with 140 or 180 horsepower and in comes a 3.0 litre powerplant with six cylinders (borrowed from some Audis) and with enough performance to make it the GTI of truckland.

And the reason for this surprising looking move to more cylinders and more cc's?

Buyers of the first Amaroks were happy to pay more for what they saw as a premium product (which it was), but reckoned that should mean more power than was available from a mere 2.0 litres.

Then, by the end of this year the old, smaller engine would need to be expensively upgraded anyway, to meet tougher new Euro 6 pollution limits.

The official fuel consumption test all new vehicles have to take reckons the bigger-engined Amarok will manage 37.2mpg and nip under 200g/km of tailpipe emissions (just, at 199g/km). That is actually a bit thirstier than before but a little less polluting.

Revised

Those are figures for the beefiest of three engines that will eventually power this heavily revised four door load lugger.

This 224 horsepower V6 TDI is coming first and takes the Amarok to 120mph and from zero to 62mph in a sprightly 7.9 seconds.

Some time in 2017 the Hanover-built Amarok will be joined by engines with 163 and 204 horsepower and, presumably, still better economy figures and a lower price tag – the precise sizes of which will not be revealed until nearer the launch date. Current prices start at £25,419 and expect a gentle uplift.

VW thinks the new model will sell to the same sort of person, attracted by something that is both technically advanced and tough with a solid helping of comfort thrown in.

Minor changes to the outside include new bumpers and radiator grille and a new emphasis on horizontal lines that make an already wide machine look wider still.

New alloy wheels and a third brake light with LED technology will also help the anorak distinguish the newcomer from the older model. Oh, and new front mud flaps cut the aero drag.

Posh

There are bigger changes inside, where an already car-like feel is reinforced by a new dashboard where we find a touchscreen, radio and navigation, along with standard Bluetooth and the option of CarNet and App Connect systems.

We Brits like our Amaroks pretty posh, so most will have auto gears and be in top trim level with the second most powerful engine.

On the smooth roads around Munich, where the pick-up is being launched to the world's motoring press, the most powerful model pulled like a train and made no more noise than a decently refined car, which it resembled to the tiniest detail inside.

Its simple (or crude in modern car terms) solid rear axle and cart springs only betrayed their lack of sophistication on concrete sections, where they set up a noticeable bobbing motion.

A trip read out of precisely 30mpg seemed respectable – a moderately challenging off road course proved that the Amarok will shrug off anything an owner is likely to throw at his dream machine – but the 7.4mpg recorded on the rough stuff might be incentive enough in itself not to risk a scratch.

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4 door, 56,620 miles £8,995	4 door Auto, Superlative Luxury, 28,600 miles £14,995	4 door, Full Leather, Sat Nav, Parking Sensors, 54,000 miles £12,650	5 door, One lady owner, only 2,200 miles from new £6,495

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2011/11 VAUXHALL ASTRA TOURER EST CDTI 47,000 miles	£6,495
2010/60 VAUXHALL ASTRA EXCLUSIV 1.4 5 door, Silver, only 13,000 miles	£6,995
2013/13 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 SE 5 door, Black, 43,000 miles	£7,995
2012/12 VAUXHALL ASTRA SRI GTC 2.0 CDTI Red, 35,000 miles	£8,995
2014/14 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 ELITE 5 door, Petrol, Leather Trim, Met Blue, 13,000 miles	£9,495
2013/63 VAUXHALL ASTRA 2.6 CDTI SE 5 door, Black, 18,000 miles	£9,995
2015/64 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.6 ELITE Petrol, 5 door, White, 15,000 miles	£10,995
2015/64 VAUXHALL ASTRA CDTI SRI ELITE Silver, 16,000 miles	£10,995
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2015/65 VAUXHALL ASTRA 1.0 TURBO DESIGN 5 door, Red, only 2,000 miles	£14,495

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2006/06 VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 5 door, Black, 49,000 miles	£2,495
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2013/13 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.3 CDTI DIESEL 3 door, Silver, 48,000 miles	£6,495
2013/63 VAUXHALL CORSA SRI 1.4 3 door, Black, 17,000 miles	£6,995
2013/63 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 ENERGY 5 door, Blue Metallic, 17,000 miles	£6,995
2013/13 FIAT 500 LOUNGE 1.2 White, 14,300 miles	£6,995
2013/63 VAUXHALL CORSA LTD EDITION Black, 33,000 miles	£7,995
2014/14 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 SRI 5 door, Silver, 14,000 miles	£8,495
2015/15 VAUXHALL CORSA TURBO VXR-LINE 3 door, White, 18,000 miles	£9,995
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2011/11 VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 1.8 SRI Petrol, 5 door, Black, 62,000 miles	£6,750
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2014/14 VAUXHALL MOKKA EXCLUSIV 1.7 CDTI White, only 6,000 miles	£11,995
2013/13 VAUXHALL MOKKA EXCLUSIV 1.7 CDTI DIESEL White, 17,000 miles	£11,995
2014/14 VAUXHALL MOKKA 1.7 CDTI TECHLINE 5 door, Sat Nav, 20,000 miles	£11,995
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Vauxhall Meriva and Zafira Selection	
2012/62 VAUXHALL MERIVA EXCLUSIV CDTI AUTOMATIC Blue, 30,000 miles	£7,495
2014/64 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA TOURER 1.4 TURBO EXCLUSIV Silver Blue Metallic, 17,000 miles	£11,495
2015/65 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA SE TOURER Black, Very low miles	£17,995

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2005/55 VAUXHALL VECTRA 1.8 EXCLUSIV Blue, 49,000 miles	£2,850

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Ford goes big in the SUV sector with Edge

By Matt Kimberley

Designed to appeal to audiences on both sides of the Atlantic, Ford's Edge is the biggest SUV to come from the brand in several years.

From the concept to the end product, the Edge is a new thing. It's Ford of Europe's first large SUV, based on Mondeo undergarments, but with four-wheel-drive, two powerful diesel engines (with more under consideration) and a new, premium shtick with which the American company wants to poke the German luxury brands.

It's part of the OneFord programme, so it's built in North America and exported all over the globe with minor changes to suit different markets. We awkward Europeans with our bumpy B-roads and our derestricted autobahns had a big say in how the suspension and handling were tuned.

If you're thinking it looks a bit 'Murican in the pictures, you're not alone. But the blocky styling and slightly in-your-face dark wheels and detailing of the range-topping Sport model sing a pretty good tune in the metal. The Titanium model is a bit more reserved; a bit more middle-of-the-road. It's improbably wide, though, with a high and highly-shaped bonnet, so it looks even bigger than it actually is.

While the build and materials quality is for the most part a big step up for Ford, it's competing with S line Audi Q5s and mid-grade BMW X3s. Even the entry-level Jaguar F-Pace is a rival. Next to those badges, the Blue Oval can't really compete.

Usefulness

Where the Edge scores points is for its clever design, which squeezes loads of usefulness into its 4.8-metre length. There are bag hooks in the boot, a spare wheel, a cabin wide enough for three kids to sit side-by-side on bean bags and enough clever storage spaces to make it a nightmare for customs officials at border crossings.

The amount of empty air around the front seats is amazing. Even the current Mr Universe wouldn't have shoulders broad enough to fill the width. Including the stubby mirrors, the Edge is well over two metres wide, and it feels it on the road, but it does create an implausibly spacious cabin.

Driven back-to-back, the more powerful diesel offers noticeably more low-down punch. The twin-clutch automatic gearbox helps make the most of that, too, only kicking down when your throttle pedal inputs clearly ask for it. The 2.0-litre diesel might not be the most refined on the market, but Ford's soundproofing and standard-fit Active Noise Control suppress wind and road noise like you wouldn't believe. The quiet at motorway speeds (and beyond) is uncanny.

The Sport's variable-ratio steering is frustrating, as is every other system like it. Approach the same corner at different speeds and you'll need two entirely different steering inputs to negotiate it. The standard set-up is slower to turn the car, but feels more consistent, despite a strong urge to self-centre. Neither transmits any meaningful road feel.

Sport models have a harder suspension system that permits less body roll, but rides with a jiggly edge on its 20-inch wheels that's missing from the Titanium and its 19s. As a trade-off the Sport feels more planted in corners, and has the more supportive seats for the job.

The model to go for is the Titanium with the Lux pack, the more powerful engine and the automatic gearbox, although to create it you also need to add the full-fat and rather bass-heavy Sony stereo system. All of a sudden it's a £37,000 car. Add LED headlights for another £1,000 on top of that. The panoramic roof is £800. The £40,000 barrier is within fairly easy reach. Ouch.

Clearly a Ford enthusiast, of which there are many, will look at the Edge as a proper family car. And it is. It's America-big, so feels a bit wide for a lot of minor European roads, but the amount of space and practicality is incredible. If the German options just don't light your candle, the Edge offers a new choice.

This car summed up in a single word: Stable
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Citygo real pleaser for the driver and pocket

By John Griffiths

Yorkshire has some fantastic scenery and, luckily for the motoring enthusiast, it's criss-crossed by some pretty amazing, bendy roads.

So, even when you're driving what is clearly designed a city car these open roads are actually the perfect place to put it through its paces.

This was the latest, and easily the prettiest, version of the Skoda Citygo, and even though it is kitted out with the latest technology such as touchscreen and satnav, this actually seemed a bit of a drive down memory lane for me.

It took me back more than 40 years to the quieter roads of rural Shropshire and the sheer delight of driving a classic Mini.

Outright performance just isn't an issue as you tackle bend after bend, revelling in the pin sharp steering, excellent agility and wheel at each cornerstability of the small but perfectly formed car.

All good features around town, of course, where the excellent all-round visibility (and lack of big overhangs to catch the unwary) makes it a breeze to manoeuvre and park.

Citygo isn't new, of course, and mechanically it's virtually identical to its VW Group city slicker sibling, the Up! And the Seat Mii.

But my ride for a couple of hours was a new special edition, the Citygo Monte Carlo, named in honour of Skoda's sporting heritage including its win in the famous rally in 1936, which first spawned the badge on the company's Popular Sport Monte Carlo a year later.

It was reintroduced in 2011 as a Fabia special edition, and now versions of the Yeti have gone the full Monte too.

As for Citygo, it's already proved it's practicality and appeal to the heads of buyers with a City Car of the Year title. The Monte Carlo is an appeal to the heart, with extra, eye-catching red and black colour scheme (inside and out), sports styling, and extra equipment.

As a means of attracting young buyers, it's a shrewd one: for under £11,000 it's affordable, economy is over 50mpg, you tax liability is low and, best of all, there's an impressively low group two insurance rating.

It comes with front and rear spoilers, a rear disusser and lowered suspension which not only turn the standard Citygo into eye-candy, it also helps to give the Monte Carlo its excellent handling characteristics. It also comes with 15-inch alloy wheel, fog lights, and sunset glass.

Inside the red and black theme continues with a sports steering wheel with red stitching, glass black dash inserts, sports badging and bespoke, sports-style seats and a comprehensive satnav, trip computer and infotainment system.

These features come on top of the standard Citygo SE specification. A convenience pack - including cruise control and rear parking sensors - were options added to the test car to take the price up to £11,325.

The Monte Carlo's engine is the standard Citygo 60PS petrol version (a 75PS option is available in other versions) which is capable of averaging nearly 63mpg according to official tests, with a low CO2 rating of 105g/km.

The benchmark 0 to 62mph takes 14.4 seconds. The engine does make itself heard when you're pressing hard to get up to motorway speed, or using the lower gears to set yourself up for corners.

But it's smooth and rather growly - not at all harsh and, indeed, an essential part of the experience for the keen driver.

The ride on some of those less than perfect Yorkshire B-roads was surprisingly composed, particularly for a small car with sports suspension: full marks there to the engineers.

The Monte Carlo will no doubt add youth appeal to the competent and cheap to run Citygo range: but from my experience you don't have to be young to appreciate. It still brought a big grin to my face!



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public & legal notices

highways england

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a) the eastbound carriageway of the M54 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 1 to its junction with the M6 at Junction 10a; and

b) the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the M54 at Junction 1.

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Walsall Council, Planning and Building Control
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A host of different sports were on offer for the primary and secondary school pupils, who all came through qualifying stages to reach the final showpiece.

The Black Country School Games was being held for the seventh time and saw 9,000 children participate this year alone.

The event has grown at such a rapid rate over its short existence that the 2016 finals – which were held at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus – welcomed their 10,000th competitor. Reedswood Primary's Paris Ebbans was awarded a unique trophy by a special guest, Wolverhampton's double Paralympic athlete Darren Harris, to mark the milestone.

Artificial

In all, 82 schools, from the boroughs of Walsall, Dudley, Sandwell and Wolverhampton battled it out across 12 different sports, including athletics, rounders, multi-skills, cricket, tri-golf, rugby, football, dodgeball and a triathlon. These were contested in the sports hall, on the artificial pitches and full-scale athletics track.

At the end of it all, the green shirts of Sandwell lifted the trophy.

Black Country BeActive headed the event. Paul Wicker, one of the organisers from Walsall Council, said: "It's sport for young people, delivered by young people."

He added: "The idea is to create a mini-Olympics for the Black Country, and to have an opening ceremony it adds to it and makes it different for them."

The first Games were held in 2010 at Wolverhampton's Aldersley Leisure Village. BeActive director Simon Hall has seen first-hand how the Black Country School Games have grown in stature.

SPORTING FEATURE

By Lewis Cox

"The Games are all about young people setting out what they want to achieve in school sports in the region."

"We're not looking for the most elite athletes in schools, we're looking for ways to get more children active in sport," he said. "The Black Country Games give young people a chance to experience that sort of multi-event experience, not quite the Olympics, but something they can really treasure."

"What's been really special is being able to identify the pupil who was the 10,000th competitor, which is a huge achievement."

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A former ambassador for the Games was Joel Richards, who was tragically killed in Tunisia while on a family holiday just over a year ago.

Joel attended Stuart Bathurst Catholic School in Wednesbury and played a huge part in local sport in the Black Country.

The day's trophy, lifted by Sandwell, was named after the former Black Country referee and presented by Joel's brother Owen, also a recently qualified official.

Wicker explained how the games have developed and how the organisers and leaders try to follow the mentality of school sports while delivering such an event.

Friends and volunteers of Joel were gathered to raise funds for the 'Smile for Joel' appeal, a charity that aids victim support.

Kallianne Titley and her brother were friends with Joel and she explained how such a monumental sporting event proved a perfect fit.

She said: "Sport was what Joel did best and that's what he wanted people to do."

Remember

"Every time I saw Joel it was through sport, whether it was helping him by being a guinea pig when he finished his A-Levels or organising an event or football, it was what he did."

"There is no better way to remember him. I was younger and competed here when he was an ambassador so I know he'd be really proud of what everyone's doing."

Schools representing Sandwell were: George Salter, Sandwell Academy, Q3 Academy, Bristnall Hall, Uplands Manor, Moat Farm, Pennyhill, Oldbury, St Phillips, Langley, Gelefield, Tipton Green, Lyng, Hargate, Abbey Junior, St Pauls, ACE Academy, St Michaels, Hollylodge and Wood Green Academy.

Schools representing Dudley: Leasowes, Old Swinford, Bishop Milner, Ellowes, Manor Way, Glynne, Windsor, Dudley Wood, Woolecote, Milking Bank, Maidensbridge, Church of the Ascension, Hagley, Sutton, Summerhill and OSH.

Schools representing Walsall: St Francis, Shire Oak Academy, Pool Hayes, Jane Lane, Castle, Lindens, Barcroft, Blue Coat, Walsall Academy, Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy, Whetstone Field, New Invention, Holy Trinity, Birchills, Butts, Reedswood, Cooper and Jordan, Beacon, St John's, The Jane Lane School, The Stretey Academy and Brownhills.

Schools representing Wolverhampton: Highfields, St Peter's Collegiate, Wolverhampton Grammar School, Oak Meadow, Fieldview, Uplands Junior, St Michaels Catholic, Northwood Park, Wolverhampton Girls, St Peter and St Paul, Whitgreave Infant, Woodthorne, Bilston, Christ Church, St Stephens, St Andrews, St Michaels Q of E, Aldersley, Moreton, Our Lady and St Chad, Colton Hills, South Wolverhampton and Bilston Academy, Coppice and The Royal School.



The 100m is raced on the track at the University of Wolverhampton's Walsall campus



The chase is on for Bradley Walsh from Field View School, Wolverhampton in the hoop run



Show goes on with town hall fight bill

TYSON Fury versus Wladimir Klitschko may have been delayed, but the show is most definitely on at Walsall Town Hall that same evening.

The 'Summer Scorchers', promoted by Errol Johnson's Black Country Boxing, was due to take place with the world heavyweight multi-title fight on July 9. But Fury's withdrawal through injury means the BoxNation bill at the Manchester Arena will be postponed.

Fight fans in Walsall can still get their fix with a busy 10-contest card.

Top of the bill in an eight-rounder will be Halesowen's Lennox Clarke, who will get an opportunity to make it a dozen wins without reply. The super middleweight has raced to 11 victories – with four inside the distance – and takes on Dean Gillen of Nottinghamshire.

The supporting cast includes Tipton's Lee Glover, rebuilding again, after losing two title opportunities. He's been beaten twice for English super feather honours and the Midlands crown at feather and appears on a Town Hall bill for the first time since November 2014, against Jordan Ellison.

Unbeaten middleweight Tom Stokes is targeting his seventh win, up against busy scrapper Lewis van Poetsch. Fellow West Bromwich fighter, super featherweight Jack Summers goes toe-to-toe with Brett Fido.

Wolverhampton's Joshua Burke steps back through the ropes for the first time since his spirited six-round cruiserweight defeat to the useful Courtney Richards in Plymouth. He and Luke Heron (Walker), have yet to be paired.

Rugby club ringing changes as rebuild follows relegation

WEDNESBURY Rugby Club have had a change of personnel in some of their key playing roles following relegation last season.

Coach Gary Summers and first team manager Neil Haines are staying at the club, but all teams have new captains.

For the first team, Lee Allwood takes on the role, with Luke Pittaway as vice. They will be joined by Martin Brotherton and Kevin Ferris for the second team and Lee Baker and Mat Hardcastle taking on the role for the vets' team.

Summers said: "Wednesbury Rugby Club is a great family club is always friendly and welcoming. This is going to be a season of rebuilding and attracting new blood."

Wednesbury RUFC are looking for new players. Benefits include all coaches being RFU accredited, all-weather 3G training pitch and qualified physiotherapist available for all players. Also, free annual subs for the first year for all new players.

For anyone wishing to join Wednesbury, contact Gary Summers on 07946 455020 or Neil Haines on 07950 505171.

Ton-up Cyril still bowling them over



Cyril with Terry Wood

CYRIL Hockham was the star attraction at Willenhall Trinity Bowls Club as he took to the green for his 100th birthday.

Bowlers from across the Black Country turned out to mark the occasion as Cyril played a few ends prior to the club's Wolverhampton Senior Citizens League clash with Codsall.

Chairman Peter Prescott revealed Cyril still harbours hopes of a comeback after only retiring from league bowls three years ago.

"We arranged to bring our league

Bowls

game with Codsall forward so we could celebrate Cyril's birthday," he said.

"Before the match Cyril had four or five ends of bowls with a very good local bowler Terry Wood, who used to be his apprentice during his working days. It's a remarkable achievement to still be able to bowl at 100.

"He played competitively in the Senior Citizens League until he was 97 and has been a member of the club for

nearly 40 years." Staffordshire bowls are set to present Cyril, of New Invention, with a special cap to mark his milestone.

"Mentally he is a sharp as ever and his other great love is the Cannock Orpheus male voice choir – he still sings in that choir," Prescott added.

Trinity has more than 80 members playing in 13 teams in the Wolverhampton Senior Citizens league, Heath Town League, Heath Town Over-50s, Walsall Vets League, Cannock League and Wolverhampton Works League.

SNOOKER CLUB'S BAIZE OF GLORY

ST John's Snooker Club are on a roll after chalking up a season of unprecedented success.

The Bloxwich club have blazed a trail on the baize to clinch an Aldridge League and Cup double.

The squad of Jamie Harris, Jack Harris, Riley Parsons, Steve Barton, Mick Faulkner, Stuart Langford and Mark Thomas swept to 28 wins from 30 matches to secure the championship crown for the first time in the club's history.

Teenager Parsons also claimed the league's most wins prize with 28 successes from 29 frames.

A 6-3 aggregate success against Wednesfield Sons then saw them lift the Premier Division Cup, while two of the club's rising young stars, Parsons and Jack Harris, both 16, pocketed a notable triumph by winning the Staffordshire and West Midlands Foursomes championship. Parsons also won the Aldridge League's Junior Under-21 Competition.

Fantastic

And six club members – Harris, Parsons, Barton, Faulkner, Robbie James and Mick Stockley – were in the Landywood side that won the Inter-Town trophy.

Secretary Keith Myatt said: "It's been a fantastic season. We have won the league for the first time in our history and to win the Premier League Cup was just brilliant."

Myatt played a key role in ensuring the club have a home to be proud of as his persistence led to a welcome financial boost in 2008.

"We were knocked back the first time we applied for a grant," he said. "But I was determined not to give up. We tried again and we were successful 12 months later."

"We had just under £9,000 from the Lottery's Awards For All funding. We used the money to refurbish the club and the tables."

"The tables were stripped right down to the slate and relaid and we had new side rails and cushions. A new carpet was also put down."

The club, which boasts 35 members and three tables, is housed around the back of St John's Methodist Church which has meant no alcohol to toast its season of success.

■ Anyone interested in joining St John's should contact Keith Myatt on 07756 964101.



Members of the double-winning St John's Snooker Club in Bloxwich with their trophies

Dennant arrows in on Germany

BLOXWICH'S Matthew Dennant will take part in his first PDC European Tour event after coming through a qualifier.

The 24-year-old thrower is heading to Germany in September to take his place at the European Trophy.

Dennant has been on the Pro Tour since January, having won a position through Qualifying School, and is slowly climbing the rankings. He first toed the

oche at the Barnsley Metrodome trying to land a spot at the International Open, also being held in Germany. He lost 6-5 to Mick McGowan in the preliminary round of the qualifier.

There was to be no stopping Dennant in the second qualifier of the day, though, as he reached and prevailed from an all-important second round tie.

Another last leg battle, this time going his way 6-5 against

James Hubbard, got him through the first round. He booked his trip with another 6-5 win over John Henderson.

Dennant and Wolverhampton's Wayne Jones stayed on for two Players Championship events, by virtue of their Pro Tour cards. Dennant failed to make the money stages, with first round exits on both Saturday and Sunday, 6-4 to John Michael, then 6-2 to West.

Boss: Show us the money on Bradshaw

SADDLERS boss Jon Whitney has told clubs interested in signing Tom Bradshaw to stump up the asking price or 'forget it'.

Barnsley made an offer of £250,000 rising to £400,000 for the striker, which was promptly rejected.

Rotherham are also keen on the 23-year-old but are yet to make a bid while Nottingham Forest and Reading are believed to be monitoring the striker's situation.

Whitney says he wants to keep the Welshman and has told clubs interested to get serious with their offers or look elsewhere.

He said: "There is going to be interest but Tom has got a market value. He is a striker that scores one in two.

"You cannot just let him go. Some of the offers are just people fishing. If they are serious they need to come up with a serious offer because Tom is a Walsall player."

Saddlers last week snapped up two Premiership loanees – in a week that saw the departures of Sam Mantom, Romaine Sayers, Andy Taylor, Milan Lalkovic and Anthony Forde confirmed.

Promising Southampton defender Jason McCarthy, captain of the Saints' under-21 side, has agreed a temporary switch until January, while midfielder George Dobson has joined on a season-long loan from West Ham.

Mantom made the switch to League One rivals Scunthorpe on a three-year contract, while Lalkovic has joined League Two side Portsmouth after the two clubs agreed a compensation package.

Romaine Sayers has completed a move to join former boss Dean Smith at Brentford in a four-year deal and winger Forde has signed for Rotherham with Walsall entitled to a fee as the player is under 24. Taylor is now at Blackpool.

Depleted Walsall fall by six-wickets

A MUCH-weakened Walsall batting line-up crashed to 71 all out in their Birmingham League Premier Division clash against Knowle & Dorridge. Makeshift openers Paul Wicker (16) and Ben Ladd-Gibbon (25) put together an opening stand of 35, but Walsall were dismissed in 27 overs.

Despite losing four wickets, Knowle & Dorridge wrapped up an easy victory.

In Division Three, Streetly's 231-8 proved insufficient as they went down by Handsworth by four wickets. Imran Qadir top-scored for Streetly with 46, Matt Hinton was 45 not out.

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